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SUVENDU THE NEW ADHIKARI OF BENGAL

State gets first BJP Chief Minister; 5 ministers sworn in

KOLKATA

BJP leader Suvendu Adhikari was sworn in as the Chief Minister of West Bengal on Saturday, marking the formation of the first-ever BJP government in the state.

Governor R N Ravi administered the oath of office and secrecy to Adhikari during a grand ceremony at the Brigade Parade Ground. The oath ceremony was conducted on Saturday, which coincides with the birth anniversary of Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore as per the Bengali calendar. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Home Minister Amit Shah, Chief Ministers from other BJP-ruled states, some important members of the Union Cabinet and several top Central BJP leaders, were present.

Suvendu has officially become the ninth Chief Minister of West Bengal, marking a major political turning point in the state's history. The swearing-in ceremony drew significant public and political attention as the new administration formally took charge.

Along with Adhikari, five MLAs --Dilip Ghosh, Agnimitra Paul, Ashok Kirtanya, Khudiram Tudu, and Nisith Pramanik -- took oath in his council of ministers. The Bengal Cabinet will be expanded later. With a limit of 44 ministers, 39 more MLAs can join the Bengal government under CM Suvendu Adhikari.

Congratulations to Shri Suvendu Adhikari Ji on taking oath as West Bengal's Chief Minister. He has made a mark as a leader who has remained deeply connected to the people and understood their aspirations from close quarters. My best wishes to him for a fruitful tenure ahead..

—Narendra Modi, PM

New Council of Ministers

CM: Suvendu Adhikari

Ministers sworn in

- Dilip Ghosh
- Agnimitra Paul
- Nisith Pramanik
- Kshudiram Tudu
- Ashok Kirtania

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- The swearing-in marked the first-ever BJP government in West Bengal since Independence.
- The oath-taking took place at the historic Brigade Parade Grounds.
- PM Modi honored 98-year-old Shyama Prasad Mukherjee follower, Makan Lal Sarkar, at the ceremony.
- Suvendu became the 9th CM succeeding Mamata, who occupied the position for 15 years since 2011.
- After taking oath, Suvendu offered prayers at Bharat Sevashram Sangha and visited the residence of Syama Prasad Mookerjee.
- The new CM will hold meeting on Monday to decide cabinet.

First BJP govt in WB since Independence

It is the first time that a BJP government has come to power in Kolkata after almost 50 years of Left and TMC rule. But it hasn't been without controversy: outgoing CM Mamata Banerjee, who ruled the state for 15 years, refused to resign despite defeat, alleging rigging and other irregularities.

Mamata's close aide to foe

Adhikari played a key role in TMC's Nandigram stir, which was among the key reasons attributed for the end of the 24-year Left regime in Bengal and the beginning of the TMC govt. Differences surfaced in 2019 and he finally quit the TMC in 2021, later going on to lead the BJP's charge against the Mamata govt.

Bengal polls and Mamata's ouster

Following the election setback, Mamata alleged vote rigging and refused to resign. Her claim was backed by the INDIA bloc. The Governor finally dissolved the Assembly on Thursday, leading to her ouster from power.

Mamata calls for 'joint platform'

Mamata on Saturday urged all opposition parties in Bengal ito come together to form a "joint platform" to fight against the BJP govt . She also called upon student unions to unite against the saffron camp.

Road cleared for 'Vijay Sarkar' in TN

'Thalapathy' of Tamil Nadu: Vijay to take oath at Nehru Stadium in Chennai at 3:15 pm today.

CHENNAI

Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK) chief Vijay met Tamil Nadu Governor Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar at the Lok Bhavan on Saturday, marking their fourth meeting since the election results were announced on May 4. This latest visit comes after his party, TVK, secured majority support to form a government in the state.

The actor-politician will take the oath as the Chief Minister on May 10 at Nehru Stadium in Chennai at 3:15 pm.

VCK-IUML extend supports

This comes after the Viduthalai Chiruthaigal Katchi (VCK) and Indian Union Muslim League (IUML) extended unconditional support to TVK earlier in the day. In an official confirmation letter to TVK General Secretary Aadhav Arjuna, VCK president Thol Thirumavalavan extended his support for the party to form a government in the state. Shortly after that, IUML also extended its support to TVK. Both VCK and IUML have two MLAs each, taking the alliance strength to 120 MLAs in the 234-member TN Assembly. TVK had secured 108 seats.

AMMK chief files plaint against TVK over 'forged' support letter

Amma Makkal Munnetra Kazagam (AMMK) has approached the Guindy police alleging that the Tamilaga Vettri Ka TVK used a "forged" support letter while staking claim to form the government, police officials said on Saturday.According to the police, a petition submitted by AMMK general secretary T T V Dhinakaran has been received. However, officials clarified that no FIR had been registered.

DKS rejects claims of TN Cong MLAs being shifted to B'luru

BENGALURU

Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar on Saturday dismissed reports that Congress MLAs from Tamil Nadu had been shifted to a resort in Karnataka amid post-election political developments there, saying he was unaware of any such move.

Political activity in Tamil Nadu has intensified following the Assembly election results, with parties engaged in consultations over government formation and support arrangements. Amid speculation about legislators being moved to resorts in other states and ongoing political negotiations, internal party discussions and interactions between senior leaders have continued. However, no official confirmation has been made regarding any such relocation of MLAs.

Shah hails BSY as leader who created a new path

CHITRADURGA

Union Home Minister Amit Shah said the five decades of public life and political struggle of former Karnataka Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa serve as an inspiration for the younger generation.

Speaking at the 'BSY Abhimanotsava' held to honour Yediyurappa on Saturday, Shah lauded his journey from a humble background to becoming one of Karnataka's most influential political leaders.

During the event, Shah released two books titled 'Kendavare-Kamala Aralida Kathe' and 'Sadana Shikari-Yediyurappanavara Gudugina Nudigalu'.

There are leaders who simply walk on existing roads and leaders who create new paths for others to follow, he said and described Yediyurappa as a leader who has shown a new direction.

"He came from an ordinary family. His willpower, the values of the Sangh and his patriotism guided him throughout his life," Shah said.

Referring to political developments in West Bengal, Shah said the BJP Chief Minister took oath there on the same day that Karnataka was celebrating Yediyurappa's 50 years in public life.

He described it as the beginning of a new chapter in the land associated with Swami Vivekananda and Syama Prasad Mookerjee.

Indian sailor killed, 4 hurt after dhow catches fire near Hormuz

NEW DELHI

An Indian sailor died, and four others were injured after a 'dhow' (a wooden boat) caught fire and sank near the Strait of Hormuz, government sources said.

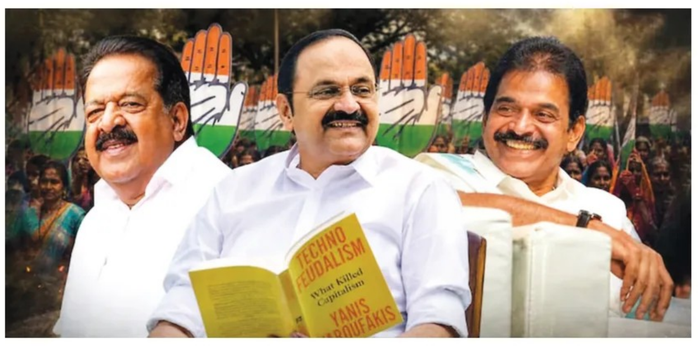
The boat was carrying 18 Indian crew members - who were rescued by a vessel that was passing by. The exact cause of the fire is yet to be ascertained. According to sources, the injured sailors are receiving medical treatment in Dubai.

The Indian Consulate in Dubai, in a post on X, said their officials have met the rescued Indian sailors. "We remain in touch with the dhow owner and rendering all possible assistance," it said.

The incident came amid increasing hostilities between Iran and the US in the Strait of Hormuz.

Battle for CM post goes on

NEW DELHI



Amid intense lobbying for the chief minister post of Keralam, the Congress on Saturday could not annouce its choice for CM even after a nearly three-hour meeting top leaders Mallikarjun Kharge and Rahul Gandhi had with the contenders. Later, the party made it clear that a "final decision" will be taken in "due course".

The delay in announcement meant that the contenders -- KC Venugopal, VD Satheesan and Ramesh Chennithala -- were unwilling to dilute their claims for the top post in the state, where their supporters had held processions and erected banners, even as the leadership listened to the competing claims.

Congress' Kerala in-charge Deepa Dasmunsi said the decision will be announced in "due course…(which) is May 23 (the day Assembly will be dissolved)" after it is finalised by party chief Mallikarjun Kharge and Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi.

The party high command is in a bind as Venugopal has the support of a majority of MLAs while there was an outpouring of support for Satheesan from party workers and the public along with allies like Muslim League. Chennithala is the senior-most and the most experienced among the contenders.

The run up to the meeting saw intense lobbying by all the three leaders. There were reports that the Muslim League conveyed to the Congress leadership that they prefer Satheesan as their preference while the latter had Venugopal's name in mind.

KEY CONTENDERS

KC VENUGOPAL: AICC general secretary with strong organizational backing.

VD SATHEESAN: Outgoing opposition leader, seen by some as the face of the poll campaign.

RAMESH CHENNITHALA: A seasoned veteran with strong, established support within the party.

India gets new CDS, CNS

NEW DELHI: Indian forces saw two new appointments on Saturday, Lieutenant General N S Raja Subramani (Retd) as the Chief of Defence Staff and Vice Admiral Krishna Swaminathan appointed as Navy Chief.

Who is CDS NS Raja Subramani?

Lt Gen Raja Subramani is a highly decorated officer with over four decades of distinguished service.

He was commissioned into the 8th Battalion of the Garhwal Rifles on December 14, 1985. He has been awarded the Param Vishisht Seva Medal, Ati Vishisht Seva Medal, Sena Medal and Vishisht Seva Medal.

He earlier served as Vice Chief of the Army Staff. The officer holds a Master of Arts Degree from King's College London and an M Phil in Defence Studies from Madras University. He is a Graduate of the National Defence Academy and Indian Military Academy. He is currently serving as a military adviser at the National Security Council Secretariat.

Who is CNS K Swaminathan?

Vice Admiral Krishna Swaminathan was commissioned into the Indian Navy on July 01, 1987 and is a specialist in Communication and Electronic Warfare. He is a recipient of Param Vishisht Seva Medal, Ati Vishisht Seva Medal and Vishisht Seva Medal.

The highly-qualified officer holds a BSc degree from Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi; MSc in Telecommunications from Cochin University of Science and Technology. Kochi; MA in Defence Studies from King's College, London; MPhil in Strategic Studies from Mumbai University; and PhD in International Studies from Mumbai University. He is an alumnus of the National Defence Academy, Khadakvasla.

'FREE TRAVEL' POLL PLEDGE

KSRTC rolls out gender ticketing

The move aims to track female ridership, signaling a potential move toward free travel for women in Kerala

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

The Kerala State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) on Saturday introduced a new system known as 'Gender Ticketing' gender ticketing.

The facility to record the gender of the passenger as male or female while issuing tickets via Electronic Ticketing Machines (ETM).

This move is linked to the newly-elected UDF government's election promise that if the party comes to power, free travel for women would be ensured through the 'Indira Guarantee' scheme.

When issuing a ticket, the conductor must record the passenger's gender in the ETM.

The updated ETMs now include separate options for women, men and children, and the printed tickets will also show the category of the passenger. The IT Department will provide urgent training to conductors to familiarise them with these technical changes.

According to a KSRTC circular, the gender ticketing system is intended to record whether a passenger is a woman, a man or a child in tickets issued on KSRTC buses from Saturday.

KSRTC MD Dr PS Pramoj Shankar said Unit Officers at each depot would supervise the implementation.

What's the motive?

The move is being seen as an attempt to estimate the number of women using KSRTC services daily before the implementation of the UDF's poll promise of free bus travel for women across Kerala.

The UDF recently won 102 out of 140 Assembly seats and is expected to form the government once the Congress finalises its chief ministerial candidate.

Officials have stated that the ETM software across the KSRTC depots was updated to support the new system from Saturday onward.

Conductors worried

Some conductors have reportedly expressed concern that entering passenger categories while issuing tickets could lead to delays, especially during peak travel hours and crowded trips. The new process requires conductors to manually select the passenger category while issuing tickets.

Bengal verdict rings alarm bells for Karnataka Congress

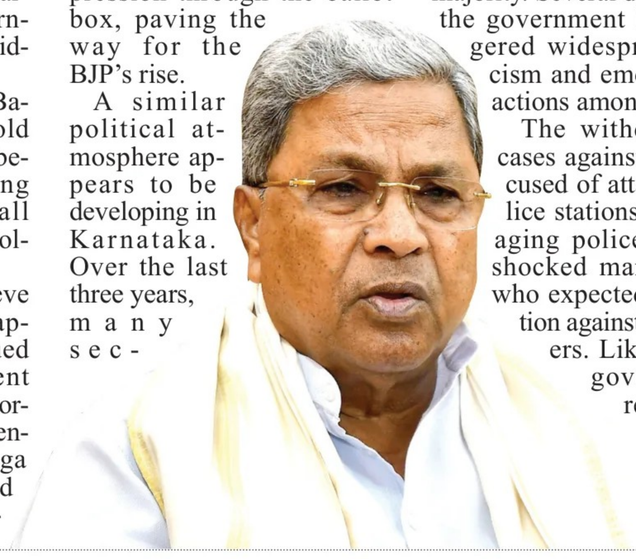
Will CM Siddaramaiah ignore the warning written on Mamata Banerjee's Wall?

SHYAM SUNDAR VATTAM
MYSURU

The dramatic political change in West Bengal has sent a strong political message across the country, particularly to the Congress government in Karnataka led by Siddaramaiah.

The defeat of Mamata Banerjee and her 15-year-old TMC government is now being viewed as a warning against what critics call "vote-bank appeasement politics."

Political observers believe the excessive minority appeasement policies pursued by the TMC government gradually alienated the majority Hindu community in Bengal. Restrictions on Durga Puja celebrations, repeated allegations of selective policing, and the perception that anti-social elements were protected for political reasons created deep resentment among ordinary voters. Ultimately, that anger found expression through the ballot box, paving the way for the BJP's rise.



A similar political atmosphere appears to be developing in Karnataka. Over the last three years, many sections of society have increasingly felt that the Siddaramaiah government has tilted excessively towards minority appeasement while ignoring the sentiments of the Hindu majority. Several decisions of the government have triggered widespread criticism and emotional reactions among citizens.

The withdrawal of cases against those accused of attacking police stations and damaging police vehicles shocked many people who expected strict action against lawbreakers. Likewise, the government's response to incidents of stone-pelting during Ganesh idol processions disappointed Hindu organisations and devotees. Instead of acting firmly against the culprits, the administration was accused of shifting blame onto Ganesh Mandalis for selecting certain procession routes.

Another issue that deeply hurt Hindu sentiments was the controversy surrounding Sree Kshetra Dharmasthala. Allegations against the Dharmadhikari led the government to constitute a Special Investigation Team. Though the inquiry reportedly found the accusations baseless, many in the coastal districts felt the damage to religious sentiments had already been done.

Critics also point to the allocation of massive funds for minority-dominated areas and the repeated conditions imposed on Hindu festivals as evidence of selective secularism. The growing perception among many voters is that the Congress government is practising "appeasement politics" to secure a dedicated vote bank while neglecting equal treatment for all communities.

The Congress still has nearly two years before the next Assembly elections. But the Bengal verdict serves as a political mirror. If the Siddaramaiah government continues to ignore public sentiment and fails to restore confidence among all communities equally, Karnataka may well witness a political replay of what happened to "Didi" in Bengal.

In democracy, voters may remain silent for years — but when they finally speak, the verdict can be thunderous.

Red Cross Day observed at Basudeva Somani College

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Basudeva Somani College, Mysuru, organized a "Red Cross Day" programme under its Red Cross Unit in Mysuru on Saturday.

Presiding over the event, Principal Dr. M. Mahadevaswamy M. said that Red Cross Day is observed every year on May 8 to mark the birth anniversary of Jean Henri Dunant, founder of the International Red Cross Movement. The World Red Cross Day is also known as Red Crescent Day and highlighted the organization's humanitarian service during wars, disasters, and emergencies by providing essential support to people in distress.

Dr Mahadevaswamy said the Red Cross continues to play a major role in public health and social service activities. The students and youth must cultivate a spirit of service by actively participating in Red Cross initiatives and contribute towards building a healthy society.

Programme Coordinator Dr. T. Ramesh said the Red Cross has been continuously serving society and providing timely assistance during crises and disasters. The students must join the organization in larger numbers and engage in social service activities.

Teaching staff, non-teaching staff, and students were present during the programme.

HeiBuddy AI Alpha unveiled in Mysuru

MYSURU

The soft launch of the alpha release of "HeiBuddy AI," a new milestone in the field of artificial intelligence-based technology, was held grandly here on Friday.

Developed jointly by Yugasis Software Private Limited and HeiBuddy AI Inc., this innovative AI-powered platform was introduced with the objective of providing quick and easy digital solutions for people's daily needs. Designed around the concept of "One Platform – Multiple Services – Connected Experience," HeiBuddy AI aims to bring technology closer to the everyday lifestyle of common people, the organisers said.

Chief guest Dhananjaya Sudhanva, Chairman and Managing Director of Excelsoft Technologies Limited, said that artificial intelligence would bring significant changes across various sectors of society in the coming years and that indigenous technology platforms like this would create new opportunities for young entrepreneurs.

Special invitees Samruddhi Manjunath, MLA from Mulbagal constituency and Chairman of Samruddhi Group of Companies, and B. Manjunath, Chairman and Managing Director of Le Ruchi Group of Hotels, extended their best wishes to the organisation for its new initiative.

VVIET Alumni Meet "Vikasa Milana 2026" held in a grand scale

MYSURU

Vidya Vikas Institute of Engineering and Technology successfully organised "Vikasa Milana 2026," a grand alumni meet aimed at strengthening alumni engagement and promoting meaningful industry-academia collaboration.

The programme brought together alumni, faculty members, students and distinguished guests on a common platform for interaction, networking and knowledge sharing. The event was presided over by Principal Dr. Karibasappa Kwadiki of VVIET, Mysuru.

The programme featured institutional presentations, alumni interaction sessions and an insightful panel discussion on the topic, "The Role of Faculty and Alumni in Bridging Industry and Academia." Distinguished alumni representing leading organisations shared their professional experiences and highlighted the changing expectations of the industry in the era of rapid technological advancement.

During the discussion, the speakers stressed the importance of building strong technical fundamentals, gaining practical exposure through internships and projects, and continuously upgrading skills to remain industry-ready. The alumni also spoke about the growing role of Artificial Intelligence and advised students to use AI responsibly while focusing on innovation, creativity and ethical practices.

The panelists encouraged students to actively participate in project-based learning, improve communication and teamwork skills, and develop problem-solving abilities and professional discipline. Discussions also focused on entrepreneurship, career planning, networking opportunities and the importance of mentorship in shaping successful careers.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from students and alumni, creating a vibrant atmosphere of interaction and institutional bonding. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks to the management, alumni, faculty members, organisers and students for making "Vikasa Milana 2026" a meaningful and inspiring event. The alumni meet reaffirmed VVIET's commitment towards nurturing future-ready engineers through continuous engagement with alumni and stronger collaboration with industry.

KPCC Spokesperson Venkatesh slams BSY on BJP's return to power

MYSURU

H. A. Venkatesh, spokesperson of the Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee, has dismissed former Chief Minister B. S. Yediyurappa's prediction that the BJP would return to power in Karnataka and that the State would witness results similar to West Bengal.

In a statement here, he said there is "not even the slightest doubt" that Yediyurappa's prediction would prove completely false. Despite completing 50 years in politics and possessing vast experience, Yediyurappa had put forward an "incorrect political analysis."

Venkatesh alleged that the country is facing economic difficulties due to war-related fears and the "ineffective foreign policy" of the BJP-led Central Government. At such a time, the Congress government in Karnataka has been providing relief and reassurance to people through its five guarantee schemes.

He further accused BJP leaders of burdening citizens by sharply increasing LPG cylinder prices immediately after the West Bengal elections, calling it "adding salt to people's wounds." According to him, it is inappropriate for a senior politician to assume that voters would support what he described as an anti-people administration.

Referring to West Bengal, Venkatesh claimed that "everyone knows" how the BJP secured victory there. He argued that voters ultimately reward governments that focus on development works and pro-people administration. As evidence, he pointed to the by-election results in Davanagere and Bagalkot, which he said reflected public support for the Congress government's governance model.

"Considering the present political atmosphere, there is no doubt that Congress will return to power in Karnataka again in 2028," he asserted.

Venkatesh also criticised the BJP's internal functioning, stating that Yediyurappa himself had been sidelined by his own party while serving as Chief Minister. He alleged that the former Chief Minister is now holding public celebrations and mobilising supporters mainly to protect the position of his son, B. Y. Vijayendra, whom he described as a "failed frontline leader" of the BJP.

Quality training must reach backward class students: MLC Yathindra

MYSURU

Congress MLC Dr Yathindra Siddaramaiah said that students belonging to backward communities must also get access to quality competitive examination training facilities.

Speaking after inspecting the newly constructed Competitive Training Centre building being developed by the Mysuru branch of Sri Kaginele Kanakaguru Peetha here on Saturday, he said that proper infrastructure and facilities are essential for the success of such training centres. Many backward class students cannot afford to spend lakhs of rupees to travel to cities like Delhi, Hyderabad, or Bengaluru for IAS and KAS coaching. "Students from backward communities should also secure higher government positions, and they deserve quality training opportunities," he said.

The MLC praised Sri Shivanandapuri Mahaswamiji for taking the initiative to establish the centre with the objective of supporting deserving students. Contractor Srinivas Rao informed that the building construction would be completed within four months.

He also appreciated the support of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, Joint Secretary M. Ramayya, institution secretary Puttabasavegowda, and engineer Kumaraswamy for their efforts in ensuring quality construction work.

Dr. Nagaraj, Dr. Renuka, Sheshamurthy, Leelavathi, Manjunath, Pallavi, Harish and several others were present on the occasion.

SAY NO TO PLASTIC, EMBRACE CLOTH BAGS

Awareness drive held in Mysuru market

MYSURU

Stressing the urgent need to protect the environment from plastic pollution, H. V. L. N. Achar said both traders and consumers must seriously think of replacing plastic carry bags with reusable cloth bags.

He was speaking after distributing cloth bags to vegetable vendors and customers at the Srirampura market in Mysuru as part of an awareness initiative organised jointly by Kshema Dhama Trust and Arivu Institution here on Friday.

Achar warned that non-recyclable plastic poses a grave threat to the environment, public health and animal life. "Plastic usage reduces soil fertility, contaminates water sources and releases toxic chemicals into the environment. These harmful substances can even lead to deadly diseases like cancer," he cautioned.

He also expressed concern over the growing trend of consuming bottled water under the assumption that it is safer and purer. In the future, disposing of millions of empty plastic bottles itself will become a major challenge.

Advising people to return to traditional and healthier practices, Achar said storing water in refrigerators and consuming excessively chilled water may not be good for health. Instead, drinking water stored in earthen pots is a healthier and eco-friendly alternative.

Among those present during the programme were Shekhar, Shrikanth Kashyap, Vikram Iyengar, Mysuru City Corporation Senior Health Inspector Ashwath, Lion Nagesh Murthy, BJP leader Doora Rajanna, Satish, Ramalinga, Manjunath, Viha S. Acharya and several others.

45-DAY K-SET AND UGC-NET COACHING CAMP FROM MAY 12

MYSURU

The Competitive Examination Training Centre of Karnataka State Open University will inaugurate its 45-day coaching camp for K-SET and UGC-NET aspirants on Tuesday, May 12, at 11 am at the Kaveri Auditorium on the university campus.

The training programme will be inaugurated by Prof. B. K. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor of Bengaluru North University.

Senior KAS officer and Joint Director of the Administrative Training Institute, Mysuru, Satyashree R., will deliver the keynote address and extend best wishes to the participants of the training camp.

The programme will be presided over by Prof. Sharanappa V. Halase.

Among those attending the inaugural function are Registrar Prof. Naveenkumar S. K., Registrar (Evaluation) Dr. C. S. Anandkumar, Academic Dean Prof. M. Ramanatham Naidu, Dean of Study Centre Dr. N. R. Chandregowda and Finance Officer Dr. S. Niranjan Raj.

Coordinator Jainahalli Satyanarayana Gowda said interested candidates can still enrol for the coaching programme.

For details, candidates may contact: 0821-2515944 / 9964760090.

Free Diploma CET Training at SIT

MYSURU

A free DCET training classes are being conducted for a total of 5 days from May 11 to 15 to increase the access of students to engineering education. This free training is being conducted to facilitate students from rural areas and economically backward areas to get admission in engineering.

After the training, a mock CET exam will be conducted on May 15 and prizes will be distributed to the top three students. Students interested in participating in this training can register by May 1 by sending their name and college address via WhatsApp to mobile number 8197384220/9743393047 and contact the same mobile number for more details.

The lateral entry admission process will begin as soon as the DCET exam is over. For more information, you can contact the mobile number 406496400.

SAVE MYSURU'S HERITAGE SOUL

MP Yaduveer urges CM Siddaramaiah to restore Devaraja Market, Lansdowne Building

MYSURU

Mysuru-Kodagu Lok Sabha member and a member of Mysore royal family, Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar has urged Chief Minister Siddaramaiah to immediately release funds for the conservation and restoration of Mysuru's iconic heritage structures — the Devaraja Market and the Lansdowne Building, in the wake of the Supreme Court's judgement regarding the protection of the two heritage structures.

In a letter addressed to the CM, the MP stressed that preserving Mysuru's historic buildings should remain a top priority. The recet Supreme Court judgment delivered on May 4, 2026, regarding the protection of the two landmark structures was highly significant. The Supreme Court had rejected the proposal to demolish and reconstruct the buildings. Instead, the court directed authorities to preserve and restore the 19th-century heritage structures.

Explaining the basis of the verdict, Yaduveer said the judgment relied on a detailed technical study conducted by Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee. According to the report, nearly 70 percent of the structures can be repaired while retaining the existing foundation and architectural character.

Heritage structures re Mysuru's identity

The MP emphasised that Mysuru's civic architectural complexes form an inseparable part of the city's identity and cultural legacy. As the elected representative of the Mysuru-Kodagu Lok Sabha constituency, he remained committed to protecting the region's rich heritage and tourism value. "We have a duty to honour and implement the judiciary's directions," he noted.

The MP urged the State Government to act on the recommendations made by expert committees from IIT Roorkee and INTACH by releasing funds for restoration work without delay.

He appealed to the Chief Minister to direct the Mysuru City Corporation and the Mysuru Development Authority to immediately initiate the restoration project. There is a need need to ensure that government funds allocated for the project are used exclusively for heritage conservation purposes.

Recalling earlier commitments, Yaduveer pointed out that the 2024–25 State Budget had earmarked ₹95 crore for the renovation of Devaraja Market and ₹35 crore for the Lansdowne Building. "Devaraja Market and Lansdowne are not merely buildings; they are living symbols of Mysuru's cultural and commercial heritage."

He was optimistic that Siddaramaiah, himself a son of Mysuru, would prioritise their restoration and release the required funds at the earliest.

"ATME College of Engineering hosted Open Day 2026"

MYSURU

ATME College of Engineering, Mysuru, successfully organized its much-awaited "ATME Open Day 2026" on Saturday, providing an excellent platform for II PUC students, recently passed-out PUC students, diploma students, and parents to explore diverse academic and career opportunities.

Addressing the gathering, Principal Dr. L. Basavaraj briefed students and parents about various engineering disciplines, emerging industry trends, and future career opportunities. He emphasized the importance of informed career choices and highlighted the institution's commitment towards academic excellence and student development.

A major attraction of the event was the scholarship awareness programme, where detailed information regarding the "ATME Vidyasare Scholarship" was shared with students and parents. The initiative aims to support deserving students and ensure that financial constraints do not hinder higher education.

Participants experienced the academic environment of the institution through guided campus tours, live project demonstrations, interactive sessions, and direct interaction with faculty members and students. The programme also featured cultural activities, fun games, and a creative videography competition, encouraging students to actively participate and showcase their talents.

The college further highlighted its placement assistance system, industry collaborations, internship opportunities, and skill development programmes that help students prepare for successful careers. Special tuition fee concessions for eligible students were also announced during the programme.

Administrator Dr. Sachidananda Murthy, Dean Dr. Srinivasa K., Dr. Raghavendra L, Heads of various departments, faculty members, students, and parents were present during the programme. The event was compered by Prof. Chandrashekar and Prof. Juslin F.

No showers, no buyers

The 'King of Fruits' struggles to rule the season

SHYAM SUNDAR VATTAM
MYSURU

The much-awaited mango season has finally arrived in Mysuru after months of delay, but the city's fruit markets are missing their usual summer excitement. Streets lined with heaps of golden-yellow mangoes are witnessing more curious glances than actual buyers, as customers continue to wait for the season's first proper rain before taking home the "King of Fruits."

For generations, people in the region have followed an unwritten belief — mangoes should be eaten only after the first rain. Though there is no scientific explanation behind the tradition, many feel that rain cools the body and makes the fruit easier to digest.

"People come, smell the mangoes, ask the price and leave without buying," said trader Ramesh, arranging crates of Badami and Begumpalli varieties at the market. "Usually by now, truckloads arrive and business runs nonstop. This year, both supply and demand are weak."

Traditionally, mango flowering begins during January and February around Makara Sankranti. But erratic weather patterns delayed flowering and harvest this year, pushing the entire season behind schedule. Local varieties appeared in small quantities first, followed by Begumpalli, while the famous Badami mangoes are now slowly entering the markets.

Despite the limited arrival, prices remain steep. Premium quality mangoes are being sold between ₹150 and ₹200 per kilogram. Yet, customers remain hesitant.

"What is the guarantee that the fruit will be sweet?" questioned Lakshmi, a homemaker browsing through the fruit stalls. "If we spend so much and the mango turns sour, it feels like a waste. We will buy after rain starts."

Across the city, mango vendors can be seen under colourful umbrellas and roadside tents, hoping for customers to stop by. But business has remained sluggish compared to previous years.

Fruit seller Mahadev expressed concern over the uncertain weather. "Farmers are preparing for the second round of harvest this month. If heavy rain and thunderstorms arrive suddenly, matured raw mangoes may fall from the trees. Once they fall early, they do not ripen properly and become useless."

Traders say this season's arrivals are significantly lower than usual. In earlier years, wholesale yards would overflow with raw mango consignments by this time. Some elderly growers also believe mango production follows a two-year cycle — one strong season followed by a weaker one.

With the season slowly nearing its end, traders are urging residents to enjoy whatever varieties are currently available before stocks disappear. Once the monsoon fully sets in, only the late-season Neelam variety is expected to dominate the markets.

Until then, Mysuru's mango markets remain caught between summer heat, delayed rain and the sweet anticipation of better days.

RADIOLOGY CRUCIAL PILLAR OF MODERN HEALTHCARE: DR. B. DINESH

MYSURU

Radiology has become one of the most vital departments in modern healthcare, playing a key role alongside cardiology and other major medical specialties, said Dr. B. Dinesh, Director of Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research.

Speaking at a two-day emergency radiology workshop organized in Mysuru by the Indian Radiological and Imaging Association and the Indian College of Radiology and Imaging here on Saturday, he highlighted the growing importance of advanced imaging technologies and artificial intelligence in healthcare. Radiology is no longer limited to reading scans but now plays a major role in precise diagnosis, pinpoint imaging, image-guided treatment, and interventional procedures.

Dr Dinesh said Jayadeva Institute handles nearly 2,000 patients daily, performs around 30 open-heart surgeries, over 200 cath-lab procedures, and 30 to 40 CT coronary angiograms every day. The institute has expanded facilities across Bengaluru, Mysuru, Kalaburagi, and Hubballi, while adding 600 beds in the last six months. Despite a shortage of radiologists in India, the hospital continues to provide treatment with a humanitarian approach irrespective of patients' financial status.

Dawn Crackdown on Rowdies

Cops send strong message across Mysuru

MYSURU

In a massive pre-dawn operation aimed at crushing rowdy activities and tightening surveillance over habitual offenders, the city police carried out surprise raids on the houses of history-sheeters across Mysuru during the early hours of Saturday.

Between 5 am and 8 am, teams of police personnel descended on the residences of nearly 30 active rowdy-sheeters spread across multiple police station limits in the city. The coordinated crackdown was launched as part of the police department's intensified drive against organised crime and anti-social activities.

Under the jurisdiction of the Vijayanagar subdivision, police conducted inspections at the residences of rowdy-sheeters including Tejas, Teju and Lokesh under the Hebbal Police Station limits. Raids were also conducted on Praveen and Harish under the Metagalli Police Station limits.

In the Saraswathipuram Police Station limits, police inspected the houses of Arun, Mohan, Girish, Mahesh, Manu, Preetham, Shyam and Nagesh, while under the Vijayanagar Police Station limits, raids were conducted on Bharat, Lokesh, Shivakumar and Dandappa.

Under the K.R. subdivision, checks were carried out on rowdy-sheeter Novel and Hemanth within the K.R. Police Station limits, while Dhanush under the Lakshmipuram Police Station limits, Ganguly under the Ashokapuram Police Station limits, Kumar under the Vidyaranyapuram Police Station limits and Abhishek under the Kuvempunagar Police Station limits were also subjected to searches.

Similarly, in the N.R. subdivision, police teams raided the homes of Abubakar Siddiq and Shabeer Ahmed under the Mandi Police Station limits, Manju under the V.V. Puram Police Station limits, Karthik under the J.L. Puram Police Station limits and Abbar under the N.R. Police Station limits.

In the Devaraja subdivision, police conducted raids on the residences of Fazle Kareem and Baby under the Udayagiri Police Station limits.

Police officials said the raids were carried out after obtaining search warrants from the court and verifying pending warrants against the accused. During the operation, officers inspected the movements and activities of the rowdy-sheeters and searched for weapons and materials allegedly used for criminal activities.

The large-scale operation was conducted under the guidance of the Police Commissioner and led by the Deputy Commissioners of Police and senior officers from the Crime and Traffic wings, with personnel from all police stations participating in the coordinated crackdown.

FIFTY SITARISTS CREATE A MESMERISING MUSICAL TRIBUTE TO DR. R. SATYANARAYANA

MYSURU

Mysuru's iconic Kala Mandira transformed into a celestial arena of melody as nearly fifty sitar artists from different age groups came together in a rare and soul-stirring ensemble performance.

The auditorium resonated with the timeless vibrations of classical strings, transporting the audience into a magical world beyond the ordinary.

Music lovers, connoisseurs, and cultural enthusiasts sat spellbound as the synchronized sitar recital unfolded with grace, depth, and emotional richness. The performance was organised as part of the centenary birth anniversary celebrations of renowned Mysuru musicologist Dr. R. Satyanarayana, whose contribution to Indian classical music continues to inspire generations.

Several cultural and musical organisations united to present the grand tribute, reflecting the deep respect the music fraternity holds for the legendary scholar. Adding intellectual vibrancy to the evening, a number of books on music and culture were also released during the programme.

The event became a memorable confluence of tradition, scholarship, and the eternal spirit of Indian classical music.

QUICK READ

Vehicle towing back in B'luru after 4-year gap

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

In a major step aimed at reducing traffic congestion and improving road discipline, the Karnataka government and Bengaluru Traffic Police have officially reintroduced the vehicle towing system in the city after a gap of nearly four years. Within just one month of restarting the operation, authorities have reportedly seized more than 600 vehicles parked illegally across major roads in Bengaluru. The decision to resume towing operations was taken to curb the growing problem of unauthorized parking and vehicles being left in no-parking zones, which has significantly contributed to traffic congestion in several parts of the city. Officials stated that indiscriminate roadside parking had become one of the major challenges affecting smooth movement of vehicles in Bengaluru.

Peenya flyover reopened after safety test

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

The Peenya Flyover, officially known as the Dr. Shivakumara Swamiji Flyover on Tumakuru Road in Bengaluru, has been reopened for full traffic movement after successfully completing a series of technical safety and stability tests conducted by the National Highways Authority of India. The reopening is expected to significantly reduce traffic congestion in one of the busiest industrial corridors of the city. According to officials, the National Highways Authority of India carried out extensive technical inspections and load-bearing tests on the flyover over the past several days.

Lorry cleaner arrested for killing driver

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

A shocking murder case has been reported from Nelamangala near Bengaluru, where a lorry cleaner allegedly killed a fellow lorry driver during a late-night altercation following a drinking session. The incident, which reportedly began over the distribution of instant noodles, has created shock among local residents and transport workers in the area. According to police sources, the incident took place at a Jio petrol pump near Binnamangala in Nelamangala on Saturday night. The accused and the victim were reportedly staying in the lorry parking area attached to the petrol station when the altercation occurred.

Leadership issue will be resolved within a month: Muniyappa

The minister says the matter is under the consideration of the party leadership and clarity will emerge soon

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

Responding to questions from journalists regarding speculation surrounding a cabinet reshuffle and change in leadership, Muniyappa said the matter is under the consideration of the party leadership and clarity would emerge soon.

He stated that the Congress high command would take an appropriate decision after assessing the political situation and consulting party leaders.

Everything will be decided by the high command. The issue will be resolved within a month. Whether the current leadership continues or changes, the party leadership itself will announce it, he said while addressing the media.

Muniyappa also commented on the recent meeting convened by the Chief Minister regarding the Special Intensive Revision of electoral rolls. Referring to concerns surrounding the revision process, he said there is confusion and debate across the country regarding voter list management and possible misuse.

He stated that discussions were held with various organizations during the meeting to examine issues related to misuse and preventive measures. According to him, arbitrary deletion of names from voter lists could create suspicion and mistrust among the public across the nation.

The minister clarified that he was not opposed to revision of electoral rolls but stressed that the process must be carried out transparently and responsibly. He alleged that in some cases, names of eligible voters were being removed while unwanted entries were being retained, raising concerns over fairness in the system.

Muniyappa urged political parties and election authorities to handle voter list revisions with responsibility and ensure that genuine voters are not deprived of their democratic rights. He said maintaining the credibility of the electoral process is essential for preserving public trust in democracy.

The minister also reacted to the political developments in Tamil Nadu regarding government formation. He stated that an opportunity should be given to parties claiming majority support to form the government and later prove their majority on the floor of the House.

He emphasized that governors should act in accordance with constitutional principles and provide adequate time for parties to demonstrate majority support. According to him, denying such an opportunity could be viewed as disrespecting both constitutional values and the mandate given by the people.

1 killed, 4 hurt in fire at Bengaluru hotel

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

A major fire accident occurred at a private hotel in Bengaluru's Nagarabhavi area, leaving one person dead and four others seriously injured.

The fire reportedly spread rapidly through the building, trapping hotel staff members and causing panic in the locality.

According to police and fire department officials, the incident took place at a private hotel located on the service road near the Outer Ring Road in Nagarabhavi. The fire reportedly broke out suddenly during the late-night hours, prompting immediate emergency response operations.

Authorities suspect that the blaze may have been caused by a short circuit, although the exact reason behind the fire is still under investigation. Fire and emergency service personnel rushed to the spot soon after receiving information and launched efforts to control the flames and rescue those trapped inside the building.

Officials stated that the fire initially started in the hotel premises and later spread to the upper floor of the building where several hotel employees were residing. At the time of the incident, eight staff members were reportedly present in the building.

Dense smoke quickly filled the structure, making rescue operations difficult and causing severe breathing problems for those inside. During the incident, five workers identified as Bhima, Shivanand, Satish, and Rajkumar, along with another staff member, reportedly became unconscious after inhaling smoke.

Rescue teams managed to evacuate the affected individuals and shift them to a nearby hospital for treatment. However, 45-year-old Rajkumar succumbed to his injuries while undergoing treatment at the hospital. Police confirmed that the remaining four injured persons are currently receiving treatment at a private hospital and their condition is being monitored.

The incident created panic among residents and commuters in the surrounding area as thick smoke engulfed the hotel building during the night. Local residents gathered near the spot while emergency teams worked for several hours to completely extinguish the fire.

Police officials have registered a case and initiated an investigation into the incident. Fire department personnel are examining the electrical systems and other possible causes to determine the exact source of the fire.

The tragedy has once again raised concerns regarding fire safety measures in commercial establishments and staff accommodations operating within city limits. Authorities are expected to inspect whether the hotel had complied with mandatory fire safety regulations and emergency preparedness guidelines.

Bengaluru tops country in dowry death, harassment cases: NCRB

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

According to the latest NCRB data, Bengaluru ranked first among 19 major Indian cities in cases related to dowry deaths.

The report stated that the city registered a total of 87 dowry death cases during the previous year, surpassing other large metropolitan cities such as Delhi and Mumbai.

Delhi stood in second place with 41 reported dowry death cases, while Kanpur recorded 32 cases and Lucknow reported 27. The statistics have shocked social activists, legal experts, and citizens, especially considering Bengaluru's reputation as a progressive and educated city.

The NCRB report further highlighted that Bengaluru is also witnessing a rise in cases registered under Section 498A of the Indian Penal Code, which deals with cruelty by husbands or their relatives against married women.

Experts noted that the growing number of complaints indicates that domestic violence and dowry harassment continue to remain deeply rooted social problems despite increasing awareness and legal safeguards.

Social activists and legal professionals pointed out several factors contributing to the rise in such cases. One major reason, according to experts, is greater legal awareness among women in Bengaluru. Many women are now more willing to report harassment and seek legal protection when subjected to abuse or dowry-related pressure.

At the same time, experts warned that increasing materialism, financial greed, and social pressure associated with luxury lifestyles continue to fuel dowry demands.

Families are allegedly placing emotional and financial pressure on women even after marriage, demanding additional money, property, or valuables.

ED arrests 3 in Bitcoin scam case

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

The Enforcement Directorate has arrested three individuals, including prime accused Srikrishna alias Sriki, in connection with the high-profile Bitcoin scam case that has been under investigation for several years.

The arrests mark a significant development in the probe into alleged cryptocurrency theft, hacking activities, and illegal financial transactions involving digital assets worth crores of rupees.

The arrested individuals have been identified as Srikrishna alias Sriki, Robin Khandeval, and Sunish Hegde. According to Enforcement Directorate officials, the accused were taken into custody following intensified investigation into alleged hacking operations linked to cryptocurrency exchanges and government digital platforms.

Authorities stated that the case revolves around allegations that the accused hacked into Bitcoin exchange platforms and illegally diverted large quantities of cryptocurrency. The Enforcement Directorate reportedly expanded its investigation based on earlier findings and evidence gathered by the Central Crime Branch during its probe into the scam.

Investigators suspect that Sriki and his associates were involved in cyber activities targeting digital systems, including allegations related to hacking the state government's e-procurement portal and transferring funds through illegal channels. Officials believe the accused may have used sophisticated cyber techniques to gain unauthorized access to digital infrastructure and manipulate cryptocurrency transactions.

According to sources, Robin Khandeval and Sunish Hegde are suspected of assisting in converting the allegedly stolen Bitcoins into cash and helping move the money through various financial channels.

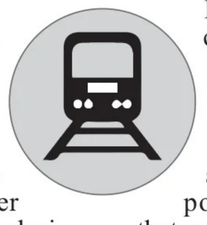
BMRCL rolls back metro service curtailment

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

Metro services between Hosahalli and Cubbon Park stations on Purple Line were temporarily suspended for technical work.

Metro trains on all routes in Bengaluru will now operate as usual from 5 am on Sunday, ensuring uninterrupted travel for passengers across the city.

Earlier on May 8, BMRCL had issued a notification stating that metro services between Hosahalli Station, officially known as Sri Balagangadharanatha Swamiji Station, and Cubbon Park Station on the Purple Line would be temporarily suspended on May 10 due to technical work. The announcement had caused concern among regular commuters who depend heavily on metro services during weekends.



However, the corporation has now officially withdrawn the earlier order, confirming that the planned service disruption will no longer take place. Officials clarified that the previous notification related to technical maintenance is no longer applicable and that metro operations will continue normally.

According to BMRCL authorities, the decision was taken in view of several important events and public gatherings scheduled to take place in Bengaluru on Sunday. A large number of commuters are expected to travel across different parts of the city, prompting the metro corporation to prioritize smooth and convenient transportation for the public.

To manage the anticipated rush, metro services on all lines will commence from 5 am onwards from terminal stations. Authorities stated that trains will run according to the regular Sunday schedule without any interruption.

The metro routes that will operate from early morning include the Purple Line, Green Line, and Yellow Line. Passengers using these routes can travel without worrying about temporary suspensions or changes in service frequency.

Public relations officials from BMRCL requested commuters to take note of the revised schedule and plan their journeys accordingly. The corporation emphasized that ensuring passenger convenience and reducing traffic congestion remain major priorities for the metro administration.

The announcement has been welcomed by daily commuters and residents, many of whom rely on metro services for faster and more reliable transportation across Bengaluru. With growing traffic congestion in the city, the metro network continues to play a crucial role in urban mobility and public transportation management.

Officials also assured passengers that all operational and safety measures would continue to be followed while maintaining regular services across the metro network.

Union Cabinet Approves Major Railway Expansion Projects Worth Rs 23,437 Crore

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

The Union Cabinet has approved three major multi-tracking railway projects aimed at strengthening the Indian Railways network and improving connectivity across several states, including Karnataka. The projects, approved by the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, will cover 19 districts across Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Karnataka. The projects are expected to add nearly 901 kilometres to the existing railway network and are targeted for completion by 2030-31 at an estimated cost of Rs 23,437 crore. The approved projects include the Nagda–Mathura third and fourth railway lines, the Guntakal–Wadi third and fourth railway lines, and the Burhwal–Sitapur third and fourth railway lines. According to officials, the expansion projects are intended to reduce congestion on heavily used railway routes and ensure smoother movement of both passenger and freight trains across the country. Railway authorities stated that the projects are part of the government's larger strategy to modernise transport infrastructure, improve operational efficiency and enhance logistical connectivity between major industrial and commercial centres. The additional railway lines are expected to increase carrying capacity, reduce delays, and improve punctuality of trains operating on these routes. Among the approved projects, the Guntakal–Wadi line holds significant importance for South India. The existing electrified dual-track railway corridor stretches for nearly 230 kilometres and serves as a crucial link connecting southern states with Central and Western India. Major railway junctions such as Guntakal, Gooty, Don and Wadi are situated along this route, making it an important transport corridor for both passengers and freight operations.

Residents Welcome Renovation of Cooke Town Parks

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

Residents of Bengaluru's Cooke Town area have expressed relief and happiness after long-pending renovation and maintenance works for Milton Street Park and High Street Park finally received official approval. The development comes after more than a year of persistent efforts by the Cooke Town Residents Association (CTRA), which had repeatedly approached authorities to secure permission for the project. The renovation is expected to improve public spaces and provide better recreational facilities for local residents, including children and senior citizens. The Cooke Town Residents Association, led by its executive committee members and founder member Albert R, had been actively pursuing the issue with the Horticulture Department of the Bengaluru North City Corporation (BNCC). According to association members, the parks had fallen into a poor state due to lack of maintenance and outdated infrastructure, making immediate renovation necessary. Residents stated that both parks are important community spaces frequently used for morning walks, exercise, and leisure activities. However, damaged pathways, broken seating arrangements, neglected greenery, and inadequate maintenance had caused inconvenience to visitors over the past few years. The poor condition of the parks had also raised concerns regarding safety and cleanliness.

COHAB ISSUES

Man ends life after live-in relationship 'harassment'

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

A 28-year-old man from Chitradurga allegedly died by suicide in Bengaluru after reportedly facing mental harassment from a woman with whom he was living in a live-in relationship.

The incident took place in the Srigandhanagar area, and Rajagopalnagar police have launched a search operation to trace the woman, who is currently missing.

The deceased has been identified as Tippeswamy, a native of Chitradurga district. According to police sources, he had become acquainted with a woman from Davanagere through Instagram. The woman was reportedly active in creating social media reels, and both individuals were employed at the same garments factory in Bengaluru.

Investigators stated that the woman had allegedly left her husband and two children before entering into a live-in relationship with Tippeswamy. The couple had reportedly been staying together for the past two months in a rented house located in Srigandhanagar.

Police said the pair had allegedly informed the house owner that they were married in order to secure the rental accommodation. Neighbors and local residents reportedly believed they were living as husband and wife.

According to the complaint filed by Tippeswamy's family members, the woman had been mentally harassing him in recent weeks. Family members alleged that she frequently told him that he was incapable of maintaining her financially and asked him to leave her alone. Relatives claim the repeated emotional distress deeply affected Tippeswamy and pushed him into depression.

Police believe Tippeswamy died by suicide when nobody else was present in the house. His body was later discovered inside the rented residence, creating shock among neighbors and local residents in the area.

Following the incident, the woman reportedly went missing, and Rajagopalnagar police have intensified efforts to locate and question her as part of the investigation. Authorities are examining mobile phone records, social media communication, and statements from acquaintances to understand the circumstances leading to the incident.

The deceased man's family has lodged a formal complaint at the Rajagopalnagar Police Station, alleging that mental harassment by the woman directly led to Tippeswamy's death. Based on the complaint, police have initiated further legal procedures and are continuing their investigation.

The incident has once again highlighted growing concerns surrounding emotional stress, relationship disputes, and mental health issues among young people in urban areas.

QUICK READ

Gadag to celebrate Shivasharane maraddi Mallamma Jayanti

GADAG

Gadag District will host the Shivasharane Hemaraddi Mallamma Jayanti 2026 on May 10 at 10:30 am at the APMC Yard of K.H. Pati Sabha Bhavan. The event is organized jointly by the Gadag District Administration, Zilla Panchayat, and the Kannada and Culture Department. The program will be inaugurated by Dr. H.K. Patil, State Law, Justice and Human Rights Minister and Gadag District Incharge. Legislative Council Speaker Basavaraj Horatti and Kannada and Culture Minister Shivaraj S. Thangadgi will attend as dignitaries. Chief guests include former Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, Karnataka MLAs, MPs, and senior government officials. Shirahatti writer and lecturer Mrs. Sudha Huchannavara will deliver a talk on Hemaraddi Mallamma's life and teachings. District officials, including Deputy Commissioner C.N. Sridhar and Superintendent of Police Rohan Jagadish, welcomed participants. The program aims to honor the legacy of the revered Shivasharane Hemaraddi Mallamma and spread her message of devotion, service, and social harmony.

Three arrested in Belagavi house burglary case

BELAGAVI

Belagavi APMC police have arrested three people in connection with a house burglary in Kuvempu Nagar, recovering stolen items worth ₹4.71 lakh. The accused were identified as Devendra Waghmore and Sachin Gowli from Kolhapur, Maharashtra, and Kapil Jadhav from Hatkanangale taluk.The burglary, reported on May 3, led to the recovery of 12.08 grams of gold ornaments valued at ₹1.67 lakh, 744 grams of silver worth ₹1.83 lakh, two motorcycles, and other valuables. Police confirmed the successful resolution of the case following the arrests.In separate operations across the city, police also apprehended individuals involved in online cricket betting and illegal ganja activities. Authorities seized cash, mobile phones, and cannabis during the raids. Further investigation is ongoing to uncover additional connections and prevent similar crimes in the future. The police urged citizens to remain vigilant and report suspicious activities promptly.

Officers key to success for better villages

Panchayat Development Officers hold the vital key to transforming rural India by turning government visions into thriving model villages.

SRINIVASPUR

The dream of creating "Model Villages" is now in the hands of Panchayat Development Officers (PDOs). These local leaders are the backbone of rural growth, turning government plans into real results for families. Experts say that for a village to truly thrive, its administration must be honest, clear, and open to the public.A model village isn't just about fancy roads. It is about clean water, good drains, bright streetlights, and smart waste management. PDOs handle major projects like the MGNREGA job scheme and the Jal Jeevan Mission. When these officers work with a "people-first" mindset, taxpayer money goes toward high-quality work that actually helps the poor instead of just looking good on paper.

Modern villages are also going digital. With "Grama One" centers, residents can now get birth certificates or file taxes online. However, people are calling for even more transparency. Many feel that lists of project costs and beneficiaries should be posted publicly so everyone knows where the money is going.The heart of this progress is the Gram Sabha. These meetings allow neighbors to speak up about their problems and help make big decisions together. When citizens participate and officers listen, corruption stays away. From planting trees to supporting women's self-help groups, the goal is clear, a better life for every villager. As local residents often say, when the village prospers, the whole nation grows stronger. Honest leadership is the secret to making that happen.

Congress leader hints at BJP power struggles

DAVANAGERE

Satish Jarkiholi's cryptic warning to B.S. Yediyurappa about internal BJP betrayals has sparked intense political speculation regarding shifting loyalties and deep-seated rifts within the opposition.

In a move that has stirred the political pot in Karnataka, senior Congress leader Satish Jarkiholi has issued a cryptic warning to BJP veteran B.S. Yediyurappa. Speaking in Davanagere, Jarkiholi advised the former Chief Minister to remain extremely cautious of his own party colleagues, hinting at deep-seated betrayals within the saffron camp.

Jarkiholi remarked that senior leaders must always be awake to the shifting loyalties and internal power struggles within their organizations. While his comments were phrased as a "political observation," they were clearly aimed at the fragile dynamics currently playing out inside the BJP. He suggested that trust is a rare commodity in politics and that Yediyurappa should handle his internal coordination with extreme care to avoid being sidelined.

The Congress leader's statement comes at a time of high friction between the two major parties. Jarkiholi, known for his strategic mind and active role in state politics, seems to be highlighting a perceived rift among BJP leadership. By commenting on the "internal health" of his rivals, he is effectively questioning the stability of the opposition.While the BJP has not yet issued an official response to this unsolicited advice, the remarks have already gained significant traction in political circles.

After ten years of frustration, construction has finally begun on a vital Alur road, ensuring safer, flood-free travel.

Long overdue road work begins in Alur

ALUR

After a decade of frustration and broken promises, the residents of Alur and Yemballi finally have a reason to celebrate. The long-pending development of the connecting road between the two villages has officially begun, marking the end of a struggle that has lasted for over ten years.

For years, this stretch of road was a nightmare for commuters. The primary culprit was a poorly designed gokatte (water storage tank) built on the right side of the path. Every time it rained, the tank would overflow, turning the road into a small river. This wasn't just a hurdle for drivers, it was a crisis for the grieving. The village burial ground sits nearby and was frequently submerged, forcing heartbroken families to perform final rites in knee-deep water.

The new project, estimated to cost several crores, aims to fix these issues once and for all. Engineers have started building a specialized barrier and strengthening the road base. Local officials promised that the drainage system would be redesigned scientifically to ensure that water flows away from both the road and the cemetery.

Relieved villagers expressed their gratitude to the representatives who finally pushed the paperwork through. "It was more than just a bad road; it was a matter of dignity for our community," said one local resident. Once completed, the project will provide safe, dry passage for thousands of people, ensuring that the daily commute and the village's essential services are never washed away again.

Library closures spark fury among Sandur students

SANDUR

A wave of public anger has hit the Nidugurti Gram Panchayat as students and book lovers find themselves locked out of the local Information Centre. The library, a vital resource for youth preparing for competitive exams, has reportedly been closing its doors every afternoon, leaving residents stranded and disappointed.The controversy stems from a confusion over operating hours. While government offices in the Kalyana Karnataka region follow a summer schedule of 8:00 AM to 1:30 PM, there is no official order applying these hours to public libraries. Despite this, staff at the Nidugurti centre have been shuttering the facility at midday. When residents questioned the early closures, officials allegedly claimed the centre operates under its "own rules," further fueling local frustration.The impact of these irregular hours is significant. Many students and job seekers rely on the library's quiet environment and resources to study for career-defining examinations.

Nirmalanandanath Swami to lead Channapatna awareness drive

RAMANAGAR

A week-long spiritual and social transformation is coming to Channapatna as Sri Adichunchanagiri Nirmalanandanath Mahaswamiji prepares to lead an extensive awareness campaign. Announcing the initiative at a press conference near Janapada Loka, Sri Annadaneshwara Swamiji emphasized that this journey aims to revive moral values and promote cultural harmony throughout the taluk.Starting May 11, the campaign will span eight unique routes, with events running daily from 8 am to 9 pm. The 72nd Peethadhyaksha of the Adichunchanagiri Math will connect with citizens to discuss education, health, and spiritual growth. The Math, which boasts an 1800-year history, has long been a pillar of society, offering support in everything from food security to modern science and technology.Local leaders have issued a heartfelt appeal to all residents, regardless of political or religious backgrounds, to welcome the Seer with devotion. The tour begins in Thittamaranahalli on May 11 and covers various villages, including Neelasandra and Chikkamalur, before concluding in Chinniganahosahalli on May 23.Community groups, including farmers' unions, women's organizations, and youth associations, are coming together to support the event. This campaign is seen as a rare opportunity for locals to hear scholarly blessings from a leader who balances ancient wisdom with modern vision.

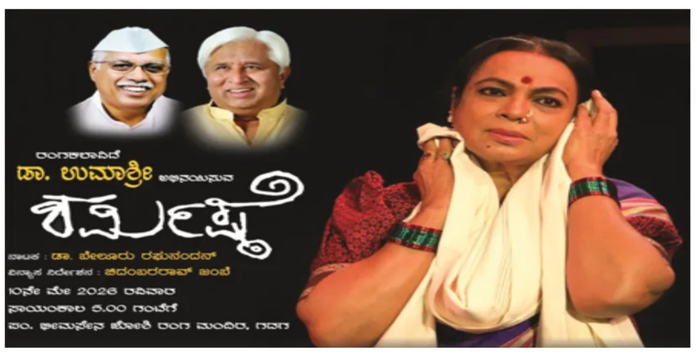
Minister H.K. Patil sets busy Gadag schedule

GADAG

Residents of Gadag are preparing for a high-profile visit as Dr. H.K. Patil, the Minister for Law, Tourism, and District Incharge, arrives for an extensive tour on May 10. The Minister's itinerary is packed with a mix of administrative duties, cultural celebrations, and support for local media infrastructure, highlighting his commitment to the region's diverse needs.The day kicks off at 9:30 AM with an important academic consultation. Dr. Patil will meet with the Vice Chancellor of Tribhuvan University to discuss educational collaborations and growth. Following this, at 11:20 AM, he will move to the K.H. Patil Auditorium for a functional milestone, the inauguration of a new press vehicle dedicated to the District Information Department. This addition is expected to streamline communication between the government and the public.Shortly after, the Minister will join the community at the same venue to celebrate the birth anniversary of the revered Shivasharane Mahasadhvi Hemareddy Mallamma. This Jayanti program serves as a moment of reflection on the state's spiritual and social history.

UMASHREE TO STAR IN SHARMISHTE DRAMA

GADAG



The heart of Gadag is set to beat with cultural fervor as the district prepares for a prestigious theatrical event. Organized jointly by the district administration, Zilla Panchayat, and the Department of Kannada and Culture, the acclaimed play "Sharmishte" will be staged at the Pandit Bhimsen Joshi District Auditorium.The spotlight of the evening will be on veteran actress and National Award winner Dr. Umashree, who plays the lead role. Written by Dr. Belur Raghunandan and directed by the veteran Chidambar Rao Jambe, the play is celebrated for its deep exploration of human values, emotional bonds, and social complexities. Over the years, this production has earned a reputation for being both thought-provoking and deeply moving.The event will be presided over by Dr. H.K. Patil, the Minister for Law and Tourism, who also serves as the district in-charge. His presence, alongside various literary figures and officials, underscores the state's commitment to reviving regional theatre.Organizers have made the event free for the public, extending a special invitation to students and the youth. By opening the doors to everyone, the administration hopes to spark a renewed interest in Kannada's rich artistic heritage among the younger generation. For theatre lovers in Gadag, this is a rare opportunity to witness Dr. Umashree's powerful performance live. It isn't just a play, it is a celebration of stories that mirror our lives, brought to life by the finest talents in the industry.

Corruption probe ignites tension at Taluk Office

SRIRANGAPATNA

A high-level investigation has been launched into the Srirangapatna Taluk Office following serious allegations of corruption and illegal construction. Deputy Commissioner Veerappa and Inquiry Judge Aravind led a team of officials to examine sensitive files after a complaint was lodged by Kirangur Papu Chinavi, a prominent member of the Karnataka State Farmers' Union. The core of the dispute involves the Kaveri river basin, which the government declared a protected buffer zone. Chinavi alleges that officials failed to install mandatory warning plaques, instead collaborating with wealthy industrialists to allow illegal dam construction.

VIJAYANAGARA EMPIRE DRAMA

Students relive golden era through Krishnadevaraya drama

KUSHTAGI

The glorious legacy of the Vijayanagara Empire came to life at the Government First Grade College in Kushtagi during a special theatrical event. Organized by Koppal University, the program featured a stage performance based on the life of the legendary Emperor Sri Krishnadevaraya, aimed at teaching history through the power of art.

College Principal Vidyavati Gotur, who inaugurated the event, spoke passionately about the emperor's massive contributions to Indian culture and governance. She reminded students that the Vijayanagara period was not just about ancient ruins in Hampi, but a masterclass in patriotism and administration. "Sri Krishnadevaraya's values are still relevant today," she noted, urging the younger generation to study this golden chapter of Indian history to understand their regional identity.The initiative was praised for using drama as an interactive learning tool. Faculty members, including NSS coordinator Prof. Bhojaraj S., highlighted that seeing history performed on stage is far more impactful than reading it in a textbook. By blending education with theatre, the university hopes to spark a genuine interest in India's rich heritage while encouraging students to explore their own creative talents.wThe performance emphasized the empire's achievements in art and architecture, which once made it a global marvel. Organizers believe that such cultural programs help students connect deeply with their roots. As the curtains closed, the message was clear: the spirit of Vijayanagara continues to inspire, teaching modern students that strong leadership and a love for one's heritage are the true foundations of a great nation.

Bangarappa launches ₹30 lakh rural road project

SORABA

School Education and Literacy Minister S. Madhu Bangarappa launched a ₹30 lakh road development project in Soraba taluk, fulfilling a key promise to improve rural infrastructure. The Minister performed the "bhoomi puja" for the new route connecting Sri Kalikamba Kammateshwara Temple in Shyadalakoppa to Indihalli village.Speaking at the event, Bangarappa emphasized that transforming his constituency is a top priority that will be achieved in steady phases. He noted that this specific project is a vital step toward strengthening connectivity for villagers, making it easier for residents to transport goods and access essential services."Every single village deserves to see progress," Bangarappa told the gathering. "Our first goal is to listen to the problems of common people and ensure that government benefits reach the very last person in the line." He further promised to work closely with the administration to secure additional grants for every Gram Panchayat within the taluk.

Kejriwal compares Modi to Aurangzeb

The AAP leader said Modi has wrongly taken control over many parts of India and has now reached Punjab

NEW DELHI

Aam Aadmi Party leader Arvind Kejriwal on Saturday compared Prime Minister Narendra Modi to Mughal ruler Aurangzeb during a press conference in New Delhi.

He made strong remarks while responding to recent Enforcement Directorate action in Punjab.

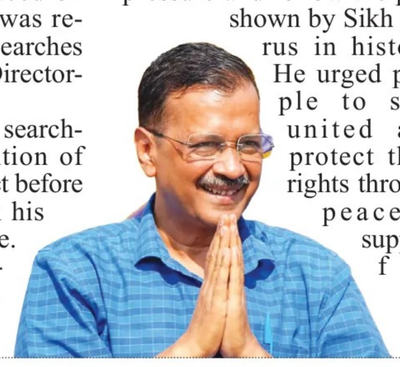
He said Modi has wrongly taken control over many parts of India and has now reached Punjab. Kejriwal said Punjab is the land of Gurus and added that history shows Aurangzeb once used force and control, similar to what he alleged is happening today in politics.

He made these comments after ED action against Punjab minister Sanjeev Arora. Kejriwal said Punjab is being targeted through repeated raids and pressure on leaders. He also said the central government is misusing agencies against opposition leaders.

He referred to the farm law protests and said farmers forced the government to withdraw the laws earlier. He added that after elections in other states, raids in Punjab have increased, creating fear among leaders and citizens.

Kejriwal also mentioned former AAP Rajya Sabha member Ashok Mittal, saying he faced a raid and later joined the Bharatiya Janata Party. He claimed this shows political pressure behind such actions. He added that similar pressure is being placed on Sanjeev Arora, who was recently arrested after searches by the Enforcement Directorate.

The ED carried out searches under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act before arresting Arora from his Chandigarh residence. Kejriwal said such actions aim to weaken opposition leaders and force political changes.



He said Punjab will resist pressure and follow the path shown by Sikh Gurus in history. He urged people to stay united and protect their rights through peaceful support for elected leaders.

Shiromani Akali Dal leader Bikram Singh Majithia said Arora was arrested in a GST-related fraud case. However, there has been no official statement from the Enforcement Directorate so far.

The issue has triggered strong political debate in Punjab and other regions. Supporters of AAP called the action unfair, while others defended the role of investigating agencies.

Kota c-section deaths trigger suspensions in hospital

JAIPUR

Taking serious action over deaths of mothers after cesarean deliveries at Kota's New Medical College Hospital, the Rajasthan government has suspended a doctor and two nursing staff. A UTB contract doctor has been dismissed and two other doctors received show-cause notices as inquiry begins. Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma ordered a fair investigation and strict action, while health officials review hospital care and monitor patients. Authorities said protocols, operating theatres, and post-surgery monitoring systems are being reviewed to prevent further negligence, and accountability will be fixed. Officials assured improved care for admitted mothers under supervision going forward now

Ahmedabad Zoo shields animals from heatwave

AHMEDABAD

The Kamla Nehru Zoological Garden at Kankaria, run by the Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation, has stepped up cooling measures as temperatures crossed 40°C during a heatwave. More than 2,000 animals, birds, and reptiles are being protected with around 40 air coolers placed near enclosures of elephants, lions, tigers, and leopards. Shade nets, water sprinkling, and geothermal cooling systems have also been installed. Zoo staff are ensuring hydration using ORS and glucose in water, while diets include water-rich fruits. Veterinary teams are closely monitoring animal health as visitors continue to arrive in large numbers during the summer season.

Armed men abducts Woman, Infant

SHIVPURI

Police in Shivpuri said a 22-year-old woman and her three-month-old daughter were abducted from their home by armed men on Friday night. According to complaint she was in a live-in relationship and had returned to her parents due to harassment. Eight to ten men allegedly entered the house with weapons, beat the family, and used caste abuses. closely monitoring animal health as visitors continue.

BJP leaders hail major Bengal shift

KOLKATA

Newly inducted West Bengal minister Agnimitra Paul on Saturday said the BJP government marks fulfilment of Syama Prasad Mookerjee's vision and claimed Bengal has been saved from turning into Western Bangladesh.

Her remarks came after Suvendu Adhikari took oath as chief minister of first BJP led government in West Bengal along with other ministers. The cabinet also included Dilip Ghosh, Nisith Pramanik, Ashok Kirtania and Khudiram Tudu among others. Speaking to reporters, Paul recalled struggles of BJP workers and alleged years of violence, harassment and cases during previous rule. She said workers faced attacks and claimed the situation had changed after the new government came to power. Paul also said Syama Prasad Mookerjee's ideals guided the party's rise in Bengal politics. She alleged Mamata Banerjee's government pursued appeasement politics and claimed cultural identity was at risk. Paul further said Bengal was protected from turning into Bangladesh like conditions due to BJP leadership. She said victims of past political violence deserve justice and peace under the new administration. The swearing in ceremony marked a major political shift in West Bengal with BJP forming government for the first time. Party leaders said the change reflects people's mandate and commitment to development and governance reforms across the state. However opposition leaders continued to criticise the new government and rejected the claims made by BJP leaders. They said allegations of violence and cultural threat were exaggerated and aimed at political mobilisation ahead of future elections. The situation in West Bengal remains politically tense as both sides exchange sharp statements following the change in power.

TMC to continue fight against BJP rule: Abhishek

KOLKATA

As Suvendu Adhikari took oath as the ninth Chief Minister of West Bengal on Saturday, Trinamool Congress leader Abhishek Banerjee said the party's fight against the BJP will continue.

He said the election was marked by alleged irregularities and claimed that nearly 30 lakh genuine voters were removed from electoral rolls. In a social media statement, Banerjee alleged partisan conduct by government agencies and raised questions about the role of the Election Commission of India.

He demanded release of CCTV footage from counting centres and verification of VVPAT slips to ensure transparency in the election process. He said democratic institutions must maintain trust and alleged that recent events in West Bengal have raised doubts among citizens. Banerjee also raised concerns over post poll violence, claiming that party workers were attacked and forced to leave their homes. He said no political worker should face fear for their beliefs in a democracy and called the situation unacceptable. He reiterated support for West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee and said the fight for democracy will continue.

According to him, the party will continue to stand with citizens and party workers affected by alleged political pressure. He said the movement will remain peaceful but firm in demanding electoral reforms and accountability from institutions. Party leaders said they would continue outreach across West Bengal to mobilise support and highlight their concerns. The statement comes amid rising political tensions following the change of government in the state. Leaders from both sides continue to exchange sharp accusations over the election process and governance issues. Further developments are expected in coming days across political state.

CBI conducts searches in Reliance Group cases

MUMBAI

The Central Bureau of Investigation has carried out searches at 17 locations in Mumbai as part of ongoing cases linked to companies associated with the Anil Ambani led Reliance ADA Group. The searches were conducted at offices and residential premises connected to Reliance Telecom, Reliance Commercial Finance and Reliance Home Finance along with related directors and intermediary firms.According to the agency, the action was based on search warrants issued by a special CBI court in Mumbai. Officials said the searches led to the recovery of documents considered important for the investigation. The agency also found that several intermediary companies were reportedly operating from the same addresses, raising further questions about fund movement and financial transactions.The CBI said the investigation is continuing and more details will emerge as evidence is analysed. The cases involve alleged diversion of bank funds and financial irregularities linked to loans from public sector banks and insurance institutions.Over the past few months, the agency has registered multiple cases against Reliance Group entities following complaints from banks and the Life Insurance Corporation.

TN awaits clarity on new government

CHENNAI

The formation of the new government in Tamil Nadu remains uncertain as political discussions and alliances continue after the recent Assembly elections. AIADMK general secretary Edappadi K. Palaniswami extended congratulations to all winning candidates and parties in the 17th Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly election while wishing success to whichever party forms the next government.

The state election was held on April 23 across all 234 constituencies in a single phase and saw a closely fought four corner contest involving the DMK alliance, AIADMK alliance, Naam Tamilar Katchi, and actor Vijay led Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam.

TVK has emerged as the single largest party with 108 seats, but it is still working to secure a majority in the House.

Congress and Left parties have already announced support for TVK, but the party is still awaiting a formal decision from Viduthalai Chiruthaigal Katchi, which is expected to play a key role in forming the government. VCK leader Thol Thirumavalavan is scheduled to announce the party's stand later on Saturday, which could influence the final equation in the 234 member Assembly.

At the same time, political tensions have increased after AMMK general secretary T T V Dhinakaran filed a complaint alleging that a fake support letter in the name of party MLA Kamaraj was submitted in favour of TVK. This has raised questions over the validity of support claims made by some parties.

CBI extradites Haryana fugitive from Portugal

NEW DELHI

The Central Bureau of Investigation has coordinated the extradition of wanted fugitive Abhay alias Abhay Rana from Portugal to India. It worked with the Ministry of External Affairs and Ministry of Home Affairs along with INTERPOL and Haryana Police in the operation.

The fugitive was wanted in serious criminal cases including extortion, threats, attempt to murder, and running an organised crime network. Investigators said he and his associates allegedly targeted businessmen in Haryana through social media and demanded ransom money.

Victims who refused payment were reportedly assaulted by members of the syndicate, according to police findings. Following investigation, charges were filed and a court issued proceedings against the accused in India.

After a request from Haryana Police, INTERPOL issued a Red Notice leading to his arrest in Portugal. Portuguese authorities approved extradition after legal procedures and handed him over to Indian officials. He was brought to New Delhi by a police escort team on Saturday and taken into custody.

Officials said over 160 fugitives have been brought back to India in recent years through coordinated international efforts. The agency continues to use INTERPOL channels and the BHARATPOL platform to strengthen global police cooperation. Authorities said the case highlights growing international cooperation in tracking and returning dangerous fugitives to ensure justice and improve cross-border law enforcement coordination between partner nations globally.

Akhilesh tour jibe sparks BJP clash row

NEW DELHI

BJP leader Syed Shahnawaz Hussain on Saturday attacked Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav over his visit to Kolkata and meeting with Trinamool Congress leaders after West Bengal election results.

He said Akhilesh has become a tourist who goes to places of defeat and consoles allies after losses. He also said the Congress party often leaves its partners in the INDIA alliance when they lose elections. He added that in West Bengal, Congress did not stand firmly with Mamata Banerjee and had made statements before results. He also referred to setbacks faced by DMK, saying Congress stepped away quickly. Hussain said this shows cracks within the opposition bloc. Akhilesh Yadav recently met Mamata Banerjee and Abhishek Banerjee at the Chief Minister's residence in Kolkata. After the meeting, Akhilesh alleged electoral fraud and accused authorities of manipulation in the West Bengal elections.

ED ARRESTS PUNJAB MINISTER AFTER MULTI-CITY RAIDS

CHANDIGARH

The Enforcement Directorate on Saturday arrested Punjab Industry Minister Sanjeev Arora after conducting raids at multiple locations linked to him in Chandigarh and other regions.

The action followed extensive searches carried out under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act as part of an ongoing investigation. Officials have not yet issued an official statement confirming details of the arrest.

According to reports, ED teams searched at least four premises connected to Arora, including his official residence in Chandigarh. This marks the third such raid in about a year, with earlier searches conducted in April and previous months in connection with similar allegations.Shiromani Akali Dal leader Bikram Singh Majithia claimed that the arrest is linked to alleged GST fraud and financial irregularities involving a mobile phone purchase and export network. He also alleged connections to money laundering and fund movement through foreign channels.

Meanwhile, Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann accused the central government of misusing investigative agencies for political purposes. He said repeated raids on Arora's residence show a pattern of pressure tactics and defended his minister, stating that no wrongdoing has been proven.

Aam Aadmi Party leader Arvind Kejriwal also criticised the action, alleging that central agencies are being used to target opposition leaders and weaken political rivals rather than focusing on corruption cases.The ED had earlier investigated Arora in connection with alleged land conversion and financial irregularities when he was a Member of Parliament. The current case reportedly involves wider scrutiny of business transactions and associated firms.

Opposition leaders have demanded transparency in the investigation, while ruling party representatives say the law must be applied equally to all individuals involved. The case has triggered a fresh political clash in Punjab.

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GUARD OF EASTERN FRONTIER

ICGS Achal bolsters maritime security

PANJI

The Indian Coast Guard commissioned the new patrol vessel ICGS Achal at Goa Shipyard Limited on Saturday, marking a boost to its fleet strength in the North West region.

The vessel was commissioned by senior defence officials in the presence of Coast Guard leadership and state representatives. Named 'Achal', meaning firm, the ship reflects the service commitment to maritime security and protection of national waters. It has been built by Goa Shipyard Limited with more than fifty percent indigenous components, supporting India's self-reliance goals. The vessel is 51-metre-long and can reach a speed of twenty seven knots with an endurance of fifteen hundred nautical miles. It is equipped with advanced engines, modern control systems and precision weapons to support multiple maritime missions including patrol and rescue operations.

The ship will be based at Vadinar in Gujarat under the operational control of the Coast Guard Region North West. It will be used for surveillance, search and rescue, anti-smuggling operations and pollution response along India's coastline. The crew consists of trained officers and personnel capable of operating the ship's advanced systems in all conditions. Officials said the commissioning of Achal strengthens coastal security and improves readiness of the Indian Coast Guard. It marks another step in India's effort to build modern indigenous defence capability under national initiatives like Make in India and Atmanirbhar Bharat, while also enhancing safety at sea for fishermen, trade vessels and maritime traffic across the region, officials added, highlighting the ship's role in long term maritime protection and rapid response during emergencies at sea across Indian maritime zones coastline and waters.

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2 women seek protection after temple marriage

GURUGRAM

Two adult women living in Sohna, Gurugram, have sought police protection after claiming a temple marriage and alleging threats from their families. Police said the couple, one Hindu and one Muslim, had been friends for a long time and were originally from Delhi. Relatives filed an online complaint, after which a crowd gathered in the area and police reached the spot to investigate the matter. Officials confirmed both are adults and said they were allowed to leave after completing legal formalities, reiterating that they had requested protection from authorities due to alleged threats from families officials.

SC to hear PIL on education regulation on May 11

NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court will hear a Public Interest Litigation on May 11 seeking regulation of all institutions teaching or giving religious instruction to children under 14 years. The plea filed by advocate Ashwini Kumar Upadhyay asks for registration, recognition, supervision and monitoring of such institutions to protect children. It argues that young students are vulnerable and need safeguards under the Constitution. The petition also raises concerns about unregistered centres operating in border areas and says better oversight is needed to prevent misuse and ensure quality education for children across the country. The hearing is scheduled soon.

Pistol, ammunition seized in Churachandpur op

IMPHAL

Security forces in Manipur arrested a and seized a pistol and ammunition in Churachandpur district, police said. The accused, a resident of Churachandpur, is suspected to be an active member of Kuki National Army (Burma) and was caught in Zou Veng area on May 8. One 9 mm pistol, a magazine and seven live rounds were recovered. Officials said the arrest is part of ongoing operations near Myanmar border amid rising militant activity. Former CM Biren Singh called it serious and warned against unlawful armed groups operating in the state border regions. Police said investigation continues.

Mamata, Adhikari update profiles after Bengal shift

KOLKATA

Former West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee and BJP leader Suvendu Adhikari updated their social media profiles on Saturday following major political changes in the state after the Assembly election outcome.Adhikari, who took oath earlier in the day as the new Chief Minister of West Bengal, updated his online profiles to reflect his new position. His social media identity now reads "Chief Minister of West Bengal".Banerjee, meanwhile, revised her profile description but did not use the term "former Chief Minister".

Union Min Bandi Sanjay's son booked under POCSO

The accused has lodged a counter complaint accusing the girl and her parents of extortion

HYDERABAD

Police in Hyderabad have filed a serious case under the POCSO Act against Bhageerath, son of Union Minister Bandi Sanjay Kumar, over claims of sexually harassing a 17-year-old girl.

In response, the accused has lodged a counter-complaint accusing the girl and her parents of extortion.

The girl's mother told police that her daughter, a student, had been in a relationship with Bhageerath for about seven to eight months. She alleged that he harassed the minor sexually. Officers said they have not yet questioned the girl but are investigating the matter.Bhageerath, however, painted a different picture in his complaint filed at a Karimnagar police station. He claimed he met the girl through social circles and joined her family for events and trips to holy sites, thinking they were friends.According to his account, the girl and her parents later pressured him to marry her. When he refused, they demanded huge sums of money and threatened false charges. He said he paid ₹50,000 out of fear to the father, but they then asked for ₹5 crore. Bhageerath also alleged the mother threatened suicide if he did not pay.

Police registered an FIR based on the girl's mother's complaint, while also noting Bhageerath's version.

The case highlights tensions around consent in POCSO matters, where even relationships can lead to charges if one party is underage.

Both sides await further probe as the incident draws attention to the minister's family. No arrests have been made yet.

Assam rifles rescues abducted woman from Myanmar

Security forces tracked the woman and negotiated her release at a location south of Z. Choro village near the India-Myanmar border

GUWAHATI

Assam Rifles personnel rescued a 45-year-old Manipur woman abducted by armed groups near the India-Myanmar border, officials said on Saturday.

She was taken away during a pre-dawn attack on villages in Kamjong district on May 7. The group linked to Kuki National Army-Burma and allied volunteers had carried out the raid, according to reports.

Security forces tracked the woman and negotiated her release at a location south of Z. Choro village. Her family, village leaders, and civil groups were present during the handover process with Assam Rifles support. After the release, she was given medical and psychological care at a nearby security camp.

Troops also secured nearby homes, evacuated civilians, and rescued fifteen villagers during the operation. One armed suspect was arrested and handed over to police with weapons and ammunition recovered. Officials said the rescue highlights continued counter-insurgency efforts in sensitive border areas of Manipur.

They added that coordination between security agencies helped ensure safe recovery and return of civilians. Authorities said search operations and monitoring will continue along the border to prevent further incidents and maintain stability in the region. Officials from Assam Rifles said they acted quickly after receiving intelligence inputs and deployed multiple teams to control violence, secure villagers, and restore normalcy in affected areas while ensuring humanitarian assistance and coordination with local authorities throughout the rescue mission in difficult terrain conditions.

Cong demands Parliament debate over China-Pak claim

NEW DELHI

The Congress party on Saturday called for a detailed discussion in Parliament after China reportedly confirmed that it provided on-site technical support to Pakistan during Operation Sindoor last year.

The claim has triggered fresh political debate in India over national security and foreign policy.

Congress leader Jairam Ramesh raised a series of questions directed at the Narendra Modi government, asking why restrictions on trade and investment with China were being relaxed despite what he described as continued hostile actions. He also questioned whether India was increasing its economic dependence on China at a sensitive time.

Ramesh referred to reports that engineers from China's Aviation Industry Corporation, particularly from its Chengdu Aircraft Design and Research Institute, were involved in offering technical assistance to Pakistan's air force during the conflict. He said this development had been known earlier but has now received official confirmation through Chinese state media.

He also recalled earlier statements made by Indian defence officials about China's role during the four-day conflict and questioned the government's diplomatic response. According to him, India's position on border issues and patrolling rights in Ladakh has been weakened over time.The Congress leader accused the government of being silent on what he described as China's "open support" to Pakistan during the operation. He further asked why India had not taken stronger diplomatic or economic steps in response.

Ramesh said these issues raise serious concerns about national security and should be debated in Parliament to ensure transparency and accountability.

The remarks come after Chinese state broadcaster CCTV aired an interview with a Chinese aerospace engineer who confirmed technical involvement during the conflict. Reports also noted that Pakistan operates Chinese-made fighter aircraft, which were part of its air fleet during the operation.

The Congress has demanded answers from the government and urged an open parliamentary discussion on India's foreign policy approach towards China and Pakistan.

'BJP lathis' remark sparks Rahul attack claim

PATNA

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi criticised the Bihar government after police used force on protesting teacher job aspirants in Patna. He said the state's response to unemployed youth has become "lathis instead of jobs" and accused the ruling BJP-led "double-engine" government of ignoring their demands.

In a post on social media platform X, Gandhi said teacher aspirants were holding a peaceful protest demanding employment when they were allegedly beaten by police. He said such repeated actions show indifference towards educated youth struggling to find jobs.

He highlighted unemployment as the country's biggest challenge, saying its impact is especially severe in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh. According to him, millions of young people with degrees are still unable to secure employment opportunities.Gandhi alleged that instead of addressing job creation, the government responds to protests with force. He said young people are becoming increasingly frustrated and are no longer willing to stay silent. He also said the Congress party stands with unemployed youth in their struggle.The remarks came after a large protest in Patna on Friday by teacher recruitment aspirants demanding release of the Bihar Public Service Commission Teacher Recruitment Exam 4 notification. Around 5,000 candidates reportedly took part in the march from Patna College towards the BPSC office.The protest turned tense near JP Golambar when police used batons to disperse the crowd after some demonstrators allegedly tried to cross barricades. Several students were injured during the incident, and visuals from the spot showed police chasing protesters through nearby streets. Aspirants accused authorities of delaying the recruitment process and creating confusion over exam notifications. The incident has triggered political reactions, with opposition leaders blaming the government for mishandling the situation and raising concerns over unemployment and student protests in Bihar.

Constitution ensures equality for all: Rijiju

MUMBAI

Union Minister Kiren Rijiju on Saturday said that all citizens in India are equal under the Constitution, regardless of religion or population size. He rejected what he called false narratives suggesting that minority communities are unsafe in the country.He was speaking at an event organised by the National Commission for Minorities in collaboration with TISS and the Parzor Foundation. The seminar focused on the Parsi Zoroastrian community and their contributions to India despite their small population.Rijiju said the principle of "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas" ensures that no community is treated differently based on religion or caste. He added that India's Constitution guarantees equal rights to every citizen.He also said some political groups try to create fear among minority communities by claiming they are not safe, but stressed that such claims are not true.The minister further spoke about India's demographic changes and said that the upcoming census will provide updated population data. He noted that the Muslim population in India could be among the largest in the world, though final figures will be known after the census.

Owaisi slams media trial in TCS case

CHHATRAPATI SAMBHAJINAGAR

Asaduddin Owaisi criticized media coverage of the TCS sexual harassment and alleged forced conversion case involving Nida Khan on Saturday. He said it is wrong to link his party AIMIM with the accused and insisted that the court will decide the truth. Nida Khan was arrested by Nashik police after allegations in several FIRs related to harassment at the TCS office in Nashik. The case includes claims of sexual harassment, pressure for religious conversion, and hurt sentiments among employees. Police also booked AIMIM corporator Matin Patel for allegedly giving shelter to the accused while she was on the run. State ministers have demanded a deeper investigation into the role of AIMIM, leading to strong political reactions. Owaisi said Khan was transferred from her job before any FIR was filed and that she is being subjected to a media trial. He questioned whether owning a burqa or religious book could be treated as a crime and said such items are common in Muslim homes. He also compared the case with earlier incidents where youths were wrongly labelled, and said media judgment can harm justice. The AIMIM leader stressed that courts will decide the outcome and rejected claims linking his party to wrongdoing in the case. Authorities said a Special Investigation Team is probing multiple FIRs linked to alleged harassment and exploitation at the IT company. The company TCS has suspended employees accused in the case and said it follows a zero tolerance policy against misconduct. The controversy has triggered political debate, with Owaisi saying the accusations are driven by hate and targeting educated Muslim individuals. He expressed confidence that the judiciary will ensure justice and said the case will not stand in court. AIMIM maintained that linking the party to the allegations is incorrect and said it will legally contest all charges while calling for fair investigation and warning against media trials influencing public opinion in sensitive cases like this one involving corporate workplace harassment and religious issues in India while the matter remains under court consideration and police investigation.

VISION FOR GLOBAL TOURISM

65-ft trident inaugurated at Kailasagiri

VISAKHAPATNAM

A 65-foot trident was inaugurated at Kailasagiri in Visakhapatnam on Saturday, marking a major tourism boost for the coastal city.

The structure, which includes a Damarukam, was built in about eight months at a cost of around six crore rupees.

It was designed to withstand strong coastal winds reaching up to 250 kilometres per hour due to the hilltop location.

Union ministers and local leaders, including P Narayana and Kondapalli Srinivas, attended the inauguration along with MP Matukumilli Sribharat.

Officials said the project aims to strengthen Visakhapatnam's position as a global tourism hub with improved infrastructure and planning.

As part of a larger master plan, the city will link Kailasagiri, Indira Gandhi Zoological Park and Kambalakonda Wildlife Sanctuary for extended tourist visits. New pathways, scenic viewpoints and visitor amenities are being developed to improve comfort and attract more domestic and international travellers to the region.

Authorities said the initiative will also promote longer stays, cultural experiences, and eco-friendly travel while boosting the local economy through sustainable tourism growth in region.

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Diary No. 21328 OF 2025
WITH PRAYER FOR INTERIM RELIEF
WITH
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AND
29527/2026-APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO EFFECT SERVICE TO SOLE RESPONDENT THROUGH FAMILY COURT
EDIGA VENKATESWARLY
...Petitioner(s)/Appellant(s)
VERSUS
T NEELAKANTA AND OTHERS
Respondent(s)
To,
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(PROCESS ID:71756/2026) R[1]
Diary No. 21328/2025/XII-A
WHEREAS the Petition for Special Leave to Appeal with prayer for interim relief along with application for **CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING, EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T., DELETING THE NAME OFPETITIONER/RESPONDENT, PERMISSION TO EFFECT SERVICE TO SOLE RESPONDENT THROUGH FAMILY COURT** above mentioned (copy enclosed) filed in the Registry by **Mr. SABARISH SUBRAMANIAN**, Advocate on behalf of the Petitioner(s) above named was listed for hearing before this Court on **16th May, 2025**, when the Court was pleased to pass the following order:-
Issue notice on the application seeking condonation of delay as well as on the Special Leave Petition, returnable in eight weeks."
AND WHEREAS, the matter above-mentioned was listed before **Ld. Registrar's** Court on **13th March, 2026**, When the following order was passed:-
Opportunity to respondent nos. 2 and 3 to file counter affidavit has already been declined.
Learned counsel for the petitioner has filed a letter to withdraw I.A. (Diary) No. 22005/2026 (Application for deletion of respondent no.1). As requested, the said application is allowed to be withdrawn.
As per **Office report**, learned counsel for the petitioner has cured the defects in I.A. (Diary) No. 29527/2026 (Application for substituted **service** to serve respondent no.1 through paper publication in newspapers namely, "Hosadigantha" (Kannada) & "City Highlights" (English)}.
Application is **hereby** allowed.
Learned counsel for the petitioner is directed to file affidavit alongwith **proof** of paper publication by **02.04.2026**.
List the matter again on **13.04.2026. Copy** of this Record of Proceedings be furnished to the **concerned** learned Advocate-on-Record **for information** and **compliance.**
NOW, THEREFORE, TAKE NOTICE that the above petition with prayer for interim relief along with application for **CONDONATION** OF DELAY IN FILING, PERMISSION TO EFFECT **SERVICE** TO SOLE **RESPONDENT** THROUGH FAMILY **COURT** will be posted for hearing before this Court in due course and you may enter appearance before this Court either in person or through an advocate on record of this Court duly appointed by you in that behalf immediately. You may thereafter show cause to the Court on the day that may subsequently be specified as to why delay in filing SLP be not condoned and Special Leave Petition and interim relief as prayed be not granted and the resultant appeal be not allowed.
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TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that if you fail to enter appearance as aforesaid, no further notice shall be given to you even after the grant of special leave for hearing of the resultant appeal and the matter above mentioned shall be disposed of in your absence.
Dated: **17th March, 2026**
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR
Copy to :-
* MR. **SABARISH SUBRAMANIAN** (ADV.)
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Spinners struggle as Delhi Capitals lose big

DC suffered a crushing home defeat as their spinners failed to stop a dominant KKR attack.

NEW DELHI

The Delhi Capitals suffered a crushing eight-wicket defeat against the Kolkata Knight Riders in their last match. Following the loss at Arun Jaitley Stadium, captain Axar Patel pointed the finger at his bowling unit. He admitted the team's spinners made too many mistakes on a pitch that should have helped them.

Delhi batted first but struggled to find their rhythm, posting a modest total of 142 runs. While Pathum Nissanka scored a brave half-century, the team lost five wickets in a sudden collapse. This middle-order slump shifted the momentum entirely toward Kolkata. Axar noted that losing so many players in just a few overs left them with a score well below par.

The defense started poorly as Delhi's spinners conceded 102 runs in just nine overs. Kuldeep Yadav and Vipraj Nigam were particularly expensive, failing to take any wickets. Meanwhile, Kolkata opener Finn Allen took full advantage of the wayward bowling. Allen smashed a breathtaking 100 runs off only 47 balls, hitting ten massive sixes to seal the game early.

Kolkata chased down the target in just over 14 overs, marking their fourth straight win. A disappointed Axar Patel said the team must now look toward the future. He suggested that management might start testing players from the bench to prepare for next season. For Delhi, the long journey back to the top requires fixing these tactical errors. The captain remains hopeful that reviewing these tough moments will eventually lead to a much stronger comeback.

Finn Allen finds form with an amazing century

NEW DELHI

Kolkata Knight Riders opener Finn Allen has opened up about his recent struggles after smashing a brilliant century against the Delhi Capitals. The Kiwi batter's incredible 100 runs off 47 balls powered his team to a vital eight-wicket victory. This win keeps Kolkata's playoff hopes alive while ending Delhi's chances for the season.

Before this standout performance, Allen faced a difficult period. After a series of low scores, he was dropped from the starting lineup for three matches. Reflecting on that time away, Allen admitted he had been putting too much pressure on himself to succeed. He explained that being left out actually helped him find a fresh perspective and a much-needed mental refresh.

After being dropped for poor form, Finn Allen returned with a stunning century, hitting ten sixes to keep Kolkata's playoff dreams alive against Delhi Capitals.

During the match, Kolkata faced early trouble while chasing a target of 143. After losing two quick wickets, Allen decided to change his approach. Instead of playing too aggressively, he focused on batting deeper into the innings. He told himself that if he could survive for at least 40 balls, the runs would eventually come. His strategy worked perfectly as he hit ten massive sixes to dominate the bowlers. Allen's powerful knock was supported by teammate Cam Green, who remained unbeaten as they reached the target in just 14.2 overs. For Kolkata, this marks their fourth win in a row after a rocky start to the tournament. Allen is now focused on staying responsible at the crease, proving that patience and a clear mind can lead to massive success.

Kolkata's star all-rounder ready for any role

NEW DELHI

Kolkata Knight Riders star Cameron Green has declared he is fully fit and ready to bowl his maximum quota. After overcoming an early season back injury, the Australian all-rounder confirmed he is "100% ready" to deliver four overs whenever his team needs him. This news comes as Kolkata celebrates their fourth consecutive victory in the tournament.

In the win against Delhi, Green played a vital role by taking a wicket and scoring an unbeaten 33 runs. Initially, Green played only as a batter to manage his fitness. Now, he feels his bowling adds great depth to the squad. He explained that having multiple options, like fellow all-rounder Anukul Roy, allows the team to be flexible. Green is happy to bowl during the powerplay, the middle overs, or even at the high-pressure end of the game.

Anukul Roy shines with new found confidence

NEW DELHI

Former Indian cricketer Deep Dasgupta has praised Kolkata Knight Riders all-rounder Anukul Roy for his standout performance this season.

Speaking after Kolkata's dominant eight-wicket victory over the Delhi Capitals, Dasgupta credited Roy's success to the clear role and consistent backing provided by his team management.

Roy was the game-changer at Arun Jaitley Stadium, finishing with impressive figures of 2-31. He turned the match in Kolkata's favor by dismissing the dangerous Pathum Nissanka right after his half-century. Just two balls later, he bowled Tristan Stubbs, sparking a major collapse for Delhi. This disciplined bowling helped restrict the hosts to a low total of 142, which Kolkata chased down easily.

Dasgupta highlighted that Roy's confidence grew from a strong domestic season and the security of knowing he is a regular starter. The left-arm spinner has become a vital weapon for Kolkata, often bowling difficult overs during the powerplay.

NADA warns Star Cricketers over missed tests

NEW DELHI

The National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) has issued formal notices to Indian cricket stars Yashasvi Jaiswal and Shafali Verma. The warnings follow a "whereabouts failure," meaning the athletes were not present at their specified locations for mandatory drug testing. This development has sent ripples through the sports community as both players are key figures in the national teams.

As members of the Registered Testing Pool, athletes must provide a daily 60-minute window for no-notice testing. Reports indicate that testers arrived to find Jaiswal on December 17 and Verma on November 7 of last year, but neither player was found. When NADA reached out for explanations in February, both cricketers allegedly failed to respond, leading to the official recording of a "first missed test." Jaiswal and Verma now have seven days to explain their absence. This situation is critical because anti-doping rules are very strict regarding player locations. If an athlete records three whereabouts failures within a single year, it is treated as a major violation. Such an offense can lead to a suspension from all competitive cricket for up to four years. The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) and the ICC have been informed of the situation. Both young stars must now be extremely careful with their filings to avoid further complications. This incident serves as a stern reminder to all professional athletes about the importance of administrative compliance in the fight to keep sports clean and fair.

NADA Warns Young Stars Over Missed Tests

Yashasvi Jaiswal and Shafali Verma face warnings after missing mandatory drug tests. Both stars failed to update their locations, leading to "whereabouts failures." NADA recorded these as first offenses after the pair ignored follow-up emails. They must stay compliant now to avoid a potential four-year sports ban.

INDIAN PREMIER LEAGUE 2026...

Gijarat Titans beat Rajasthan Royals by 77 runs at Sawai Mansingh Stadium in Jaipur on Saturday

POINT TABLE

TEAM	Played	Won	Lost	NR	Pts	NRR
Sunrisers Hyderabad	11	7	4	1	14	0.737
Gujarat Titans	11	7	4	0	14	0.228
Punjab Kings	10	6	3	0	13	0.571
Royal challengers Bengaluru	10	6	4	0	12	1.234
Rajasthan Royals	11	6	5	0	12	0.082
Chennai Super Kings	10	5	5	0	10	0.151
Kolkata Knight Riders	10	4	5	0	9	-0.169
Delhi Capitals	11	4	7	1	8	-1.154
Mumbai Indians	10	3	7	0	6	-0.649
Lucknow Super Giants	10	3	7	0	6	-0.934

Chennai target playoffs against struggling Lucknow

CHENNAI

The Chennai Super Kings are gearing up for a high-stakes battle against the Lucknow Super Giants. Currently sitting in sixth place, Chennai desperately needs a victory at their home ground, Chepauk, to keep their playoff dreams alive. Despite an inconsistent season, the five-time champions hope the familiar home conditions will give them the edge they need to break into the top four.

Chennai's strategy centers heavily on star batter Sanju Samson. Samson has become the team's "backbone," often deciding the game's fate with his powerful starts. While captain Ruturaj Gaikwad has struggled with consistency, his recent form shows signs of a comeback. Fans are also keeping a close eye on the dugout, as legend Mahendra Singh Dhoni remains sidelined with a persistent calf injury and has yet to play a match this season.

On the other side, the Lucknow Super Giants are having a nightmare tournament. Stuck at the bottom of the table, the team has struggled despite a record-breaking 27-crore price tag for captain Rishabh Pant. However, a recent stunning century by Mitchell Marsh ended a six-match losing streak, giving Lucknow a tiny glimmer of hope. Injuries to key players like Mohsin Khan have only added to their misery.

While Lucknow holds a slight lead in past head-to-head meetings, Chennai enters this match as the clear favorite. With spin-friendly conditions expected, Chennai will look to their bowlers to stifle Lucknow's middle order.

For both teams, this match is more than just a game, it is a fight for survival in a wide-open race.

Suryakumar Yadav ready for high stakes clash

RAIPUR

Star batter Suryakumar Yadav is set to join the Mumbai Indians for their critical match against Royal Challengers Bengaluru. Despite recently celebrating the birth of his daughter, the Indian T20I captain has confirmed his availability to team management. He is expected to arrive in Raipur shortly, providing a massive boost to a side fighting to keep its season alive.

While Suryakumar's return is certain, leadership remains a question mark. Regular captain Hardik Pandya missed the previous game due to back spasms and is currently under medical assessment. The team's medical staff will monitor Pandya's fitness during training this evening before deciding if he can lead the squad.

KKR build momentum for playoffs

NEW DELHI

Former cricketer Aditya Tare believes the Kolkata Knight Riders have completely transformed their season at the perfect time. After a disastrous start with five consecutive losses, Kolkata has surged back into contention with four straight victories. Their latest triumph was a dominant eight-wicket win over the Delhi Capitals, which Tare says makes them a serious threat for the top four.

The turnaround is fueled by a team finally clicking as a single unit. Tare noted that the spin attack has come back to life, while the fast bowlers are taking crucial wickets. He praised the current form of Finn Allen and Cameron Green, whose powerful batting has made difficult chases look easy. Allen recently smashed a breathtaking century in just 14.2 overs to secure their most recent win.

In contrast, Tare was highly critical of Delhi's performance. He highlighted a shocking collapse where the team managed only 10 runs off 30 balls during the middle overs. He described this stretch of play as too passive for T20 cricket, noting that the batters failed to show any intent to pressure the bowlers. Only a late cameo from Ashutosh Sharma saved Delhi from an even lower total.

Kolkata's strategy of building momentum during the "business end" of the tournament is a classic championship approach. With their confidence at an all-time high, the team will now hunt for a fifth consecutive win. As the race for the playoffs tightens, Kolkata's newfound balance makes them the team no one wants to face.

RCB SEEK BATTING BOOST TO END SLUMP

RAIPUR

Royal Challengers Bengaluru are desperate to find their missing spark as they prepare to face Mumbai Indians. After a disappointing run of form, the team's powerful batting lineup is under immense pressure to deliver and snap a painful two-match losing streak that has stalled their season.

The defending champions started this year's IPL with incredible momentum. They looked unstoppable in the early stages, winning four of their opening matches with ease. At that point, securing a spot in the playoffs seemed like a certainty for the Bengaluru fans. However, the tides have turned quickly in this unpredictable tournament. Having lost three of their last five games, the team now finds itself in the middle of a worrying mid-season crisis.

The primary concern for the management is the sudden dip in scoring power. While the openers provided solid starts early on, the middle order has struggled to finish games under pressure. Against a confident Mumbai side, RCB knows that another slip-up could jeopardize their standing in the points table.

Captain and coaches are likely focusing on rebuilding the players' confidence in the nets.

For Bengaluru, the clash in Raipur is more than just another game, it is a vital opportunity to prove they still have the heart of a champion.

If their stars can regain their rhythm and find the boundary once again, they can get their campaign back on track and silence the doubters before the playoff race tightens.

Fast bowler Ashok Sharma chases speed dream

JAIPUR

Gujarat Titans pacer Ashok Sharma has become the talk of the IPL 2026 season with his incredible speed. The 23-year-old recently made headlines by bowling a 154.2 kph delivery against the Rajasthan Royals. This lightning-fast ball is currently the quickest recorded in the tournament this year, fulfilling a goal Sharma has held since his childhood.

Growing up, Sharma spent hours watching legendary fast bowlers like Brett Lee and Dale Steyn. He often wondered what it felt like to bowl at such extreme speeds. Now that he is consistently crossing the 150 kph mark himself, he describes the experience as a major personal milestone. While he is proud of his individual pace, he insists his main focus remains helping his team win matches.

Sharma credited Gujarat Titans head coach Ashish Nehra for his rapid improvement. Nehra has taught him that speed is useless without control. The coach insists that every fast bowler must first master "Test-match lengths" before trying variations like yorkers or slower balls.

QUICK READ

South Korea, US discuss defence control shift

WASHINGTON

South Korean Defence Minister Ahn Gyu-back will visit the United States next week for talks with US Defence Secretary Pete Hegseth. The five-day trip marks his first visit as minister. Key discussions include transfer of wartime operational control and South Korea's push for nuclear-powered submarines with US support. Seoul aims for OPCON return by 2028, while US signals later timing. Talks will also cover maritime security in the Strait of Hormuz, intelligence-sharing concerns on North Korea, and broader defence cooperation between the allies during ongoing regional tensions. Officials will meet lawmakers and navy leaders in Washington DC.

US strike on drug boat leaves two dead

WASHINGTON

The US military said its Southern Command sank a suspected drug-trafficking boat in the eastern Pacific Ocean, killing two men and leaving one survivor. Officials said the vessel was moving along known drug routes and linked to organised crime groups. No US personnel were harmed in the operation. The command claimed intelligence confirmed illegal activity, though no evidence was shared publicly. Since September, more than 50 similar strikes have been carried out, resulting in hundreds of deaths.

Japanese PM Takaichi eyes South Korea visit

Takaichi will discuss bilateral co-op with Korea on energy security amid crude oil transportation disruption due to war.

TOKYO

Japanese Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi is considering a visit to South Korea later this month for a summit with President Lee Jae Myung.

The meeting is expected to take place in Andong, the president's hometown, about 190 kilometres from Seoul. Reports say the two-day trip may happen on May 19 and will focus on economic security, energy, and critical mineral supply chains.

Takaichi recently met Lee at the APEC summit in Gyeongju after taking office last year. In January, President Lee visited Japan and held talks in Nara, marking ongoing shuttle diplomacy between the two nations.

Both countries continue regular exchanges to improve relations and strengthen cooperation on regional security issues. Meanwhile, South Korea has said it is not considering a military logistics agreement with Japan despite reports of Japanese interest. Japan has been seeking an acquisition and cross-servicing agreement with South Korea to improve defense coordination with the United States. The agreement would allow sharing of supplies and services during emergencies and strengthen deterrence against North Korea and China. However, Seoul has expressed caution, saying it does not want any arrangement that could expand Japanese Self-Defence Forces operations on the Korean Peninsula.

Officials say both governments will continue dialogue on security and economic cooperation while maintaining careful steps to avoid rising regional tensions in Northeast Asia amid ongoing geopolitical concerns in the region and beyond.

Ukraine peace remains very distant: Kremlin

MOSCOW

The Kremlin said on Saturday that peace in Ukraine is still far away and a full agreement is difficult because many issues remain complex.

Officials said the United States is trying to move quickly toward a deal, but progress remains slow. Russia and Ukraine confirmed a US brokered three day ceasefire that runs from May 9 to May 11.

The United States president Donald Trump said he hopes the ceasefire can be extended beyond the initial period.

A Kremlin spokesman said the American side is in a hurry, but a settlement remains very complex and long. The conflict has continued for more than four years and remains one of the most serious wars in Europe.

Analysts say both sides still face major disagreements and a lasting peace deal appears far from close. Officials also said monitoring the ceasefire will be difficult on the ground due to ongoing fighting and distrust between both militaries. The United States has been trying to mediate talks, but officials admit that a broader settlement will require time and political compromise. Russian officials compared the current conflict duration to past major wars, saying it has already lasted longer than expected.

Despite diplomatic efforts, both Moscow and Washington acknowledge that final peace terms remain undecided and highly sensitive.

Pak security forces kill five terrorists

PESHAWAR

Pakistan security forces killed five terrorists in separate operations in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, the army said on Saturday.

The actions were carried out in Tank and Dera Ismail Khan districts after intelligence reports on May 7 and 8. Four members of the banned Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan were killed in Tank during an exchange of fire.

In Dera Ismail Khan, one more militant was killed and weapons and ammunition were recovered from them. Security officials said violence has increased in the region since the TTP ended its ceasefire in 2022.

Authorities said intelligence-based raids are continuing across the province to eliminate militant hideouts and improve security for residents. Officials added that security forces remain alert and are working with local intelligence networks to prevent further attacks,

3 Indian-origin men guilty in murder case

ABBOTSFORD

Three Indian-origin men have been found guilty of the first-degree murder of a Canadian couple in Abbotsford in 2022. A court in British Columbia said Gurkaran Singh, Abhijeet Singh and Khushveer Toor played key roles in the killing of Arnold and Joanne De Jong. Prosecutors said the crime was planned for money and rejected claims that it was a failed robbery. Arnold De Jong, 77, and Joanne De Jong, 76, were found dead in their home in 2022.

Senior monk accused of abusing minor girl

COLOMBO

Police in Sri Lanka have arrested one of the country's senior Buddhist monks over allegations of sexual abuse involving a minor girl, officials said on Saturday.

The suspect is Venerable Pallegama Hemarathana, 71, the chief priest of a well-known temple linked to the Atamasthana sacred sites in Anuradhapura. According to police, the victim is now 15 years old and the alleged abuse took place within temple premises. Authorities said the arrest followed a magistrate court warrant issued against the monk and the victim's mother, who is also accused of helping in the case. The investigation began after a complaint was filed in March, initially relating to abduction and illegal detention of a minor. However, further inquiry revealed more serious allegations of sexual abuse. Police said the monk was taken into custody from a private hospital in Colombo, about 200 kilometres from Anuradhapura, where he was receiving treatment. The victim's mother has also been arrested in connection with the case.

North Korea strengthens Russia ties

SEOUL

The two countries signed a comprehensive strategic agreement in June 2024, strengthening military and political cooperation

North Korean leader Kim Jong-un sent a message to Russian President Vladimir Putin on Russia's Victory Day, state media said.He congratulated Russia on its 81st Victory Day and said ties between the two countries are growing stronger.

According to the Korean Central News Agency, Kim praised shared progress in independence, dignity, peace, and prosperity.

He reaffirmed that North Korea will prioritize developing its partnership with Russia under their new treaty. The two countries signed a comprehensive strategic agreement in June 2024, strengthening military and political cooperation.

Reports say North Korea has also increased support for Russia during its ongoing conflict in Ukraine. Officials from both sides recently discussed long-term defence cooperation in Pyongyang, according to Russian state media TASS. They also talked about future military plans and possible training exchanges between their armed forces.

Russia praised North Korea's invitation to a memorial event and said bilateral relations are at a high level. Both nations say they will continue strengthening ties in the coming years despite global tensions and sanctions pressure.

Officials said the partnership is expected to expand further in areas such as trade, security, and infrastructure cooperation over the next few years as both countries continue closer diplomatic engagement amid ongoing geopolitical uncertainty in Northeast Asia and the wider international landscape.

BUSINESS

Airlines receive lifeline amid Mideast tensions

The quick move showed the government's strong commitment towards protecting India's aviation sector

NEW DELHI

The PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry has welcomed the Central government's decision to launch a Rs 5,000 crore emergency credit support scheme for airlines facing financial pressure due to the ongoing West Asia crisis.PHDCCI president Rajeev Juneja said the quick move showed the government's strong commitment towards protecting India's aviation sector, which plays a major role in tourism, trade and business travel.

He added that helping airlines during this difficult period would also support hotels, travel companies and jobs linked to the tourism industry.

The business body said the decision matched several suggestions made in its recent report on the impact of the West Asia conflict on India's tourism and aviation sectors. The report warned that rising operating costs and fewer available seats could reduce tourist arrivals from Europe and North America, where passengers are highly sensitive to airfare prices and longer travel times.Anil Parashar, Chair of PHDCCI's Tourism and Hospitality Committee, said airlines and tourism businesses needed strong financial support during periods of global uncertainty. He stressed that stable funding and policy assistance were necessary for maintaining confidence in the travel sector.

PHDCCI also urged the government to continue reforms such as reducing aviation fuel taxes, improving e-visa facilities and providing easier financial support for tourism MSMEs.

Dr. Ranjeet Mehta, CEO and Secretary General of PHDCCI, said the present geopolitical tensions had highlighted the close connection between aviation and tourism growth in India. He said timely financial help would allow airlines to continue operations smoothly, maintain passenger confidence and reduce disruptions across the wider travel.

India fully activates four labour codes system

NEW DELHI

The Centre has fully implemented the four labour codes after notifying all related rules in the official gazette.

This marks the completion of major labour reforms that were introduced more than five years ago to simplify India's labour laws.

The four codes include wage, industrial relations, social security and workplace safety laws designed to replace 29 older regulations. Officials said some parts were delayed earlier because rules had not been notified for full enforcement. Labour Minister Dr Mansukh Mandaviya recently launched a nationwide annual health check-up programme for workers aged above forty. Under this initiative, workers across the country will receive free yearly medical examinations to improve workplace health and safety.The minister said the reforms reflect the government's aim to ensure dignity, welfare and social security for employees. He also highlighted equal pay provisions for men and women along with extended maternity leave increased to twenty six weeks. Work from home options for women workers have also been included in the new legal framework.

A National Reskilling Fund has been created to support workers who lose jobs and need new training opportunities. The government said these changes will help strengthen India's labour system and improve long-term job security. Authorities added that full enforcement of the codes will also improve ease of doing business and worker protection.

Officials believe the new labour framework will modernise employment rules, reduce complexity, and ensure better coordination between employers, workers, and the government across all sectors in India going forward supporting inclusive growth and stable employment conditions nationwide.

QUICK READ

Adani Agri fresh begins HP cherry procurement

SHIMLA

Adani Agri Fresh will start buying cherries from Himachal Pradesh farmers this season and later expand into peaches and plums. The company, known for apple procurement under its Farm-Pik brand, has upgraded storage facilities at six centres to improve fruit quality and shelf life. Business Head Manish Agarwal said the move aims to give growers better market access and fair pricing. Since 2006, the company has purchased more than three lakh metric tonnes of apples from over 17,000 farmers. Adani Agri Fresh is also expanding its Digital Mandi platform to help farmers.

Gut-friendly protein demand rises in India

MUMBAI

India's protein supplements market reached about USD 912.9 million in 2025, and may grow to USD 1,578.1 million by 2034 with 6.27% CAGR during 2026–2034. The broader protein market in India is around USD 1.62 billion in 2026, with plant-based protein the fastest growing segment. Consumers are shifting toward gut-friendly and additive-free protein products focused on transparency and long-term wellness. An ITC survey shows 56% of Indian families report digestive issues, especially in cities. Abbott research found 22% adults face constipation.

GOVT PUSHES CLIMATE-RESILIENT FARMING ACROSS INDIA

NEW DELHI

The government has expanded its efforts to promote climate-resilient farming and improve soil health across India.

A fact-sheet released on Saturday highlights major progress under the National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture launched in 2014-15. Since its launch, Rs 2,119.84 crore has been released for Rainfed Area Development, covering 8.50 lakh hectares and benefiting 14.35 lakh farmers through integrated farming systems. Another major initiative Per Drop More Crop has expanded irrigation efficiency across 109 lakh hectares with Rs 26,325 crore in support provided. Soil health monitoring has also strengthened with 97.53 lakh samples collected and 92.87 lakh tested in 2025-26, helping farmers make better fertilizer decisions. The Soil Health Card programme has issued 25.79 crore cards since 2015 to guide balanced nutrient use and improve productivity nationwide. Officials said the cards have reduced excessive urea use and improved soil conditions for many farmers across states. A recent evaluation by NITI Aayog found that most farmers reported better soil health after adopting recommended practices. Around 68.5% saw significant improvement while 25.7% observed moderate gains in soil quality. Between 2014 and 2025, nearly 2,996 climate-resilient crop varieties were developed to support farmers against weather changes.

The government said these efforts aim to reduce risks from climate change and ensure stable food production for the country.

The mission was later included under broader agriculture programmes to improve coordination and efficiency in implementation. Officials added that integrated nutrient management and sustainable practices remain key priorities for future growth of farming systems in India. Authorities said continued support will strengthen resilience, productivity and farmer incomes nationwide further ahead.

India insurance schemes deliver massive social protection

NEW DELHI

India's Jan Suraksha insurance schemes have paid about Rs 25,160 crore in claims since 2015, the government said on Saturday.

The schemes were launched on May 9, 2015, by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. It aims to provide affordable life and accident insurance and pension support to people across India.Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said claims and enrolments have grown strongly across schemes like Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana and Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana.

Together, PMJJBY and PMSBY have settled large numbers of insurance claims for families in need.PMJJBY has settled over Rs 21,500 crore for more than 10.7 lakh families, while PMSBY has settled nearly Rs 3,660 crore for about 1.84 lakh families. Over 27 crore people are enrolled in PMJJBY and 58 crore in PMSBY, while Atal Pension Yojana has around 9 crore enrolments.The Atal Pension Yojana offers monthly pension between Rs 1,000 and Rs 5,000 after age 60 for workers in the unorganised sector.

Vinay Rajkumar Turns Rugged Hero In Upcoming Film Maachis

Kannada actor Vinay Rajkumar's upcoming film with director BSP Varma has officially been titled Maachis. The makers announced the project on Vinay's birthday, creating excitement among fans eager to see the actor in a different role. The movie will be an action-revenge drama and marks the first collaboration between Vinay and BSP Varma.

The film is being produced by Suresh Gowda Hennur, while Shivugowda will work as the creative producer. Shooting for the project is expected to begin in July this year. Director BSP Varma, who earlier made the musical drama Murphy, is now moving into a completely different genre with Maachis. He has described the movie as a raw and emotional revenge story filled with intense action sequences.

Speaking about the film earlier, BSP Varma said he wanted to show a new side of Vinay Rajkumar that audiences have not seen before. He also praised the actor's recent performances and said Vinay was ready for a stronger and more powerful character.

Vinay Rajkumar is currently waiting for the release of Gramayana and is also acting in City Lights, directed by Duniya Vijay. The technical team of Maachis includes cinematographer Adarsh R, editor Kiran, and art director Guna. Famous stunt master Dr K Ravi Varma will handle the action scenes in the film. Though the story details are still being kept secret, the title Maachis hints at a fiery narrative. Fans are expecting the film to present Vinay Rajkumar in one of the intense and action-packed roles of his career.

Lockdown Pain and Pain

New talents have come together to prepared film called 'Lockdown'. Manju Mudgal has produced it under Abhinava Productions and has also played an important role. Javed Tippanahatty, who has worked with many directors, has composed the screenplay, lyrics, and music for the film and has given Direction. As the first step in the promotion, the trailer and the songs by Siri Music were released recently and the launch program was held at Sri Renukamba Studio in a grand manner.

Vijay Vignesh from Bangalore is the hero. Vanishree Srinivas, who hails from Davangere, is the heroine. Along with him, Sravani, Ashwinimudgal, Mamatha and the famous Reels Karnataka pair Govindaraju-Vaila have acted. Sharanappa Sugganahalli is the cinematographer and Shivaraj Mehu is the editor of the film.

The director then spoke, saying that the lockdown that shook the world brought pain to many but joy to some. Especially, some bitter incidents that happened in Bellary that day have been adapted into the script. In addition, the love of young lovers and middle-aged couples has been shown with humor. The scenes are real. But the story is fictional. The North Karnataka language has been used. Some things are unknown to people. To know that, you should watch our film, says Javed Tippanahatti.

I used to go to everyone for an acting opportunity. Due to their uncooperation, I thought why not do the film myself, but I stopped bringing it up to this point. There will be a love story in two tracks, and I have appeared in one. I have spent my earned money on the film. Manju Mudgal requested the media to cooperate.

The shooting was done in villages around Koppal and Uppina Betageri. As expected, Jayadeva Films has planned to release the film this month.

Kids are not Chikkavaru, Konaru

'Chikkavaru Konaralla' film, Prakash Chinnappa produced film along with the story, screenplay, and direction under the banner of HUE Arts Studios. Nethrababu-Swetha-Jameela-Naziya.R.Khazi-Sathish have joined hands in the production. A special screening and trailer launch ceremony for the media was held at Sri Renukamba Studio recently.

The main roles are played by childrens called Sehari, Tishya, Hansika, Srivas, Viyan, Srigowri, and Srivas. The rest of the senior artists Ramesh Bhatt, SundarRaj and Anita Bhatt have added value to the film.

Speaking on the occasion, the director said that a lot of changes occur in children between the ages of five and eleven. Children of that age are very intelligent, and their thoughts, manners, policies and ideas are innovative. How will the world change after twenty years? When global warming occurs, how will children dare to save their place? In the meantime, how do senior citizens resolve old differences with love and mutual understanding between their siblings. Prakash Chinnappa revealed that the film shows how six children respect their elders and uphold the balance of knowledge and culture by bringing about change, with meaningful situations.

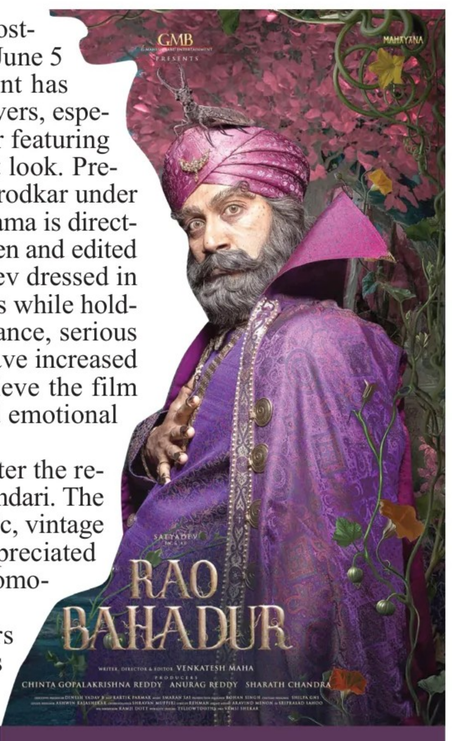
Ramesh Bhatt, Sundarraj and Anita Bhatt shared their experiences of shooting and expressed their happiness at being children with children. Uttam Kumar has composed music for two songs written by Prasanna-Chandrashekar Bhat. Cinematography and editing are by Rishikesh, background sound is by Vivaan Surya. The shooting was done around Sagar and Hosabale. The team has made plans to release the film, which has been praised by the censors.

The makers of Rao Bahadur have postponed the release of the film from June 5 to July 3, 2026. The announcement has created fresh excitement among movie lovers, especially after the team released a new poster featuring actor Satya Dev in a completely different look. Presented by Mahesh Babu and Namrata Shirodkar under GMB Entertainment, the psychological drama is directed by Venkatesh Maha, who has also written and edited the film. The latest poster shows Satya Dev dressed in royal-purple clothing decorated with pearls while holding an elegant hand fan. His aged appearance, serious expression, and luxurious surroundings have increased curiosity about the story. Many fans believe the film will explore secrets, power struggles, and emotional conflicts inside an aristocratic family.

The film already created strong buzz after the release of its first glimpse and the song O Sundari. The song became popular for its nostalgic music, vintage visuals, and emotional mood. Viewers appreciated the old-world atmosphere shown in the promotional material.

Along with Satya Dev, the movie stars Deepa Thomas as the female lead. Actors Vikas Muppala, Bala Parasar, Anand Bharathi, Pranay Vaka, and Master Kiran also play important roles. Cinematographer Kartik Parmar, music composer Smaran Sai, and production designer Rohan Singh are part of the technical team.

With Venkatesh Maha's unique storytelling style and Satya Dev's intense performance, Rao Bahadur is becoming one of the most awaited Telugu films of the year. The makers hope the delayed release will help the film reach audiences across theatres nationwide successfully.



Satya Dev's Rao Bahadur Release Shifted Amid Rising Curiosity

RJ Balaji Confirms Karuppu Release Amid Delay Rumours Strongly

Director and actor RJ Balaji has dismissed rumours about the delay of Karuppu starring Suriya. He confirmed that the film will release in theatres as planned on May 14. The movie has already received its censor certificate, while fans are eagerly waiting for the official trailer launch.

RJ Balaji recently shared a video message on social media explaining why the trailer has not yet been released. He said the trailer is completely ready, but the team wants to release it at the right moment so it reaches audiences properly. According to him, the current political climate and election-related discussions could reduce attention towards the trailer if it is launched immediately.

He assured fans that the trailer would match their expectations and said the makers are waiting for a clear and suitable time for promotion. His emotional statement about Karuppan protecting everyone quickly became popular online among fans.

Earlier, RJ Balaji also explained why the film's production took longer than expected. He revealed that the movie was originally planned for a Diwali release, but delays during filming forced the team to postpone it.

KRITI SANON
Dreams Of Playing REKHA In Inspiring Biopic

Actor Kriti Sanon has revealed that her dream role would be playing legendary actress Rekha in a biopic. In a recent interview, Kriti praised Rekha and described her as the ultimate baddie, saying she deeply admires her personality, confidence, and inspiring life journey.

Speaking to GQ India, Kriti said Rekha's strong aura, intelligence, warmth, and fearless approach to life make her an ideal person to portray on screen. Although Kriti admitted that she does not resemble Rekha physically, she said she would still love the opportunity to bring the veteran actress's story to audiences through cinema.

During the interview, Kriti also spoke openly about the struggles she faced after entering the film industry without any film background. She shared that there were times when important roles slipped away and were eventually given to star kids. The actress explained that the uncertainty made her journey difficult, but it also helped her grow stronger and more focused.

Kriti said her career began changing after the success of Mimi, which gave her meaningful recognition as a performer. She added that failures taught her valuable lessons and helped her understand the kind of work she truly wanted to pursue in cinema.

On the professional front, Kriti Sanon is preparing for the release of Cocktail 2. The movie also stars Shahid Kapoor and Rashmika Mandanna and is scheduled to release in theatres on June 19 this year across India.

Vijay Deverakonda's Rowdy Janardhan Poster Creates Birthday Excitement Online

Tollywood actor Vijay Deverakonda celebrated his 37th birthday with the release of a powerful new poster from his upcoming film Rowdy Janardhan. The makers unveiled the striking look on social media, instantly creating excitement among fans across the country.

The poster shows Vijay sitting confidently in heavy rain with a revolver in his hand. He appears in a rugged avatar with a moustache, sharp expression, and maroon outfit. The intense visual hints at a strong action-packed role filled with emotion and violence. One of the most talked-about details in the poster is a woman's foot placed on Vijay's chest, directly over his heart, suggesting an emotional connection in the story.

Fans believe the foot belongs to actress Keerthy Suresh, who plays the female lead in the film.

Keerthy Suresh Battles Mysskin In Intense Courtroom Drama Film

Actor Keerthy Suresh is set to appear in the legal thriller Sathyavan Savithiri, where she plays a junior advocate fighting for justice against her senior lawyer, played by Mysskin. Directed by Praveen S Vijaay, the film promises an emotional courtroom battle mixed with commercial entertainment.

According to the director, the story focuses on the difference between law and justice. Keerthy's character Savithiri becomes deeply involved in her husband's legal case and chooses to fight for justice, while her senior believes only in following the law. These differences eventually lead them into a courtroom clash. Actor Charukesh, known for the series Heart Beat, plays Keerthy's husband in the film.

Praveen revealed that he asked both Keerthy and Mysskin to behave naturally rather than create dramatic characters. He wanted their performances to feel realistic and close to their real personalities.

The director also credited actress Aishwarya Rajesh for helping the project move forward. He shared that she encouraged him to narrate the story to Keerthy after he had been trying for nearly six years to reach the actress.

Praveen said his earlier experience as co-director and dialogue writer for Gargi helped him design the courtroom scenes. He attended real court sessions for around 20 days to understand legal proceedings better.

The director originally wanted to title the film Savithiri, but changed it to avoid confusion with Keerthy's earlier role in Nadigaiyar Thilagam.

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